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WASHINGTON, November 5, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 31 totaled an estimated 19.6 billion ton-miles, 6.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 780.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 31 totaled 442,880, up 6.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.2 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 6.4 percent in the East and 6.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 9,742 cars (8.3 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 4,373 cars (27.4 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 3,104 cars (39.6 percent), and coke increased by 2,285 cars (58.5 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 24 totaled 106,653 trailers and/or containers, 1.7 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 4,240,301 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/31/87:

	Loadings in Week ended October 31, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,772	D		3,388	9.9	D	1,596 4.9
Other farm products	4,005	D		1,680	29.6	D	496 11.0
Metallic ores	20,337	I		4,373	27.4	I	627 3.2
Coal	126,626	I		9,742	8.3	I	4,003 3.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,993	I		1,469	9.5	I	23 0.1
Nonmetallic minerals	8,784	D		37	0.4	D	1,169 11.7
Grain mill products	11,258	D		132	1.2	I	55 0.5
Food and kindred products	12,125	I		18	0.1	I	497 4.3
Primary forest products	10,046	D		912	8.3	D	476 4.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,705	I		505	6.2	I	864 11.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,904	D		843	6.6	I	670 6.0
Chemicals and allied products	26,002	I		1,036	4.1	I	595 2.3
Petroleum products	5,060	I		455	9.9	I	94 1.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,411	I		692	6.5	D	252 2.2
Coke	6,192	I		2,285	58.5	I	690 12.5
Metals and products	10,947	I		3,104	39.6	I	1,257 13.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,019	I		623	2.9	I	277 1.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,079	I		1,955	24.1	I	281 2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,254	D		159	4.7	I	98 3.1
All other carloads	86,361	I		7,153	9.0	I	3,514 4.2
Total Cars Loaded	442,880	I		26,259	6.3	I	9,556 2.2
Corresponding week of 1986	416,621						
	<u>1987</u>			<u>1986</u>		<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	17,588,045			16,826,398		I 4.5	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):							
43 Weeks ended October 24	761.2			724.0		I 5.1	
Week ended October 31	<u>19.6</u>			<u>18.5</u>		I 6.1	
44 Weeks cumulative	780.8			742.4		I 5.2	

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WASHINGTON, November 12, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 7 totaled an estimated 19.5 billion ton-miles, 6.7 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 800.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 7 totaled 437,959, up 5.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East and 8.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 5,198 cars (4.3 percent), while crushed stone, gravel and sand showed a gain of 2,302 cars (15.4 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 3,160 cars (42.5 percent), and coke increased by 2,041 cars (52.8 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 31 totaled 109,710 trailers and/or containers, 2.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 4,350,749 trailers and/or containers, up 3.0 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/07/87:

	Loadings in Week ended November 7, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,600	D		2,769	8.1	I	828 2.7
Other farm products	4,058	D		828	16.9	I	53 1.3
Metallic ores	18,307	I		1,295	7.6	D	2,030 10.0
Coal	125,960	I		5,198	4.3	D	666 0.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,230	I		2,302	15.4	I	237 1.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,438	I		444	4.9	I	654 7.4
Grain mill products	11,188	D		109	1.0	D	70 0.6
Food and kindred products	12,190	I		324	2.7	I	65 0.5
Primary forest products	9,950	D		761	7.1	D	96 1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,536	I		81	1.1	D	1,169 13.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,738	D		114	1.0	D	166 1.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,996	I		1,992	8.3	D	6 0.02
Petroleum products	4,810	I		531	12.4	D	250 4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,427	I		1,089	10.5	I	16 0.1
Coke	5,906	I		2,041	52.8	D	286 4.6
Metals and products	10,599	I		3,160	42.5	D	348 3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,612	I		499	2.4	D	407 1.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,849	I		1,671	20.4	D	230 2.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,990	D		273	8.4	D	264 8.1
All other carloads	85,575	I		7,526	9.6	D	786 0.9
Total Cars Loaded	437,959	I		23,299	5.6	D	4,921 1.1

Corresponding week of 1986

414,660

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	18,026,004	17,241,058	I 4.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

44 Weeks ended October 31	780.8	742.4	I 5.2
Week ended November 7	<u>19.5</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>I 6.7</u>
45 Weeks cumulative	800.3	760.7	I 5.2

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WASHINGTON, November 19, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 14 totaled an estimated 19.1 billion ton-miles, 10.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 819.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 14 totaled 425,708, up 9.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 2.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 7.9 percent in the East and 11.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 9,382 cars (8.4 percent), while metallic ores showed a gain of 6,537 cars (50.8 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 2,875 cars (41.1 percent), and crushed stone, gravel and sand increased by 2,738 cars (20.8 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 7 totaled 109,182 trailers and/or containers, 0.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 4,459,931 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/14/87:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>November 14, 1987</u>			Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,337	I		548	1.8	D	1,263 4.0
Other farm products	3,896	D		602	13.4	D	162 4.0
Metallic ores	19,412	I		6,537	50.8	I	1,105 6.0
Coal	120,635	I		9,382	8.4	D	5,325 4.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,888	I		2,738	20.8	D	1,342 7.8
Nonmetallic minerals	10,051	I		1,983	24.6	I	613 6.5
Grain mill products	11,340	D		51	0.4	I	152 1.4
Food and kindred products	11,685	I		306	2.7	D	505 4.1
Primary forest products	9,963	D		477	4.6	I	13 0.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,828	I		311	4.1	I	292 3.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,546	D		926	7.4	D	192 1.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,927	I		2,481	10.6	D	69 0.3
Petroleum products	5,120	I		870	20.5	I	310 6.4
Stone, clay and glass products	11,100	I		1,557	16.3	D	327 2.9
Coke	5,245	I		1,233	30.7	D	661 11.2
Metals and products	9,862	I		2,875	41.1	D	737 7.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,715	I		246	1.1	I	103 0.5
Waste and scrap materials	9,979	I		1,614	19.3	I	130 1.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,793	D		375	11.8	D	197 6.6
All other carloads	<u>81,386</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>6,426</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>4,189 4.9</u>
Total Cars Loaded	425,708	I		36,676	9.4	D	12,251 2.8

Corresponding week of 1986 389,032

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	18,451,712	17,630,090	I 4.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

45 Weeks ended November 7	800.3	760.7	I 5.2
Week ended November 14	<u>19.1</u>	<u>17.3</u>	<u>I 10.3</u>
46 Weeks cumulative	819.4	778.1	I 5.3

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WASHINGTON, November 25, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 21 totaled an estimated 19.4 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 838.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 21 totaled 433,764, up 5.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.9 percent in the East and 5.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores showed a gain of 7,083 cars (60.6 percent), while coal loadings increased by 1,974 cars (1.6 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 2,487 cars (34.3 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 1,841 cars (7.4 percent). Ten of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 14 totaled 103,787 trailers and/or containers, 2.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 4,563,718 trailers and/or containers, up 2.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/21/87:

	Loadings in Week ended November 21, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,021	D		611	1.9	I	684 2.3
Other farm products	3,585	D		1,058	22.8	D	311 8.0
Metallic ores	18,779	I		7,083	60.6	D	633 3.3
Coal	127,333	I		1,974	1.6	I	6,698 5.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,036	I		1,488	11.0	D	852 5.4
Nonmetallic minerals	10,469	I		1,396	15.4	I	418 4.2
Grain mill products	11,247	I		131	1.2	D	93 0.8
Food and kindred products	11,869	I		336	2.9	I	184 1.6
Primary forest products	10,552	D		199	1.9	I	589 5.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,960	I		22	0.3	I	132 1.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,415	D		1,003	8.1	D	131 1.1
Chemicals and allied products	26,554	I		1,841	7.4	I	627 2.4
Petroleum products	4,810	I		478	11.0	D	310 6.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,235	I		709	7.4	D	865 7.8
Coke	5,573	I		1,357	32.2	I	328 6.3
Metals and products	9,746	I		2,487	34.3	D	116 1.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,107	I		102	0.5	D	608 2.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,223	I		1,901	22.8	I	244 2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,400	D		915	27.6	D	393 14.1
All other carloads	<u>83,850</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>5,433</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>2,464</u> <u>3.0</u>
Total Cars Loaded	433,764	I		22,952	5.6	I	8,056 1.9

Corresponding week of 1986

410,812

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	18,885,476	18,040,902	I 4.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

46 Weeks ended November 14	819.4	778.1	I 5.3
Week ended November 21	<u>19.4</u>	<u>18.4</u>	<u>I 5.5</u>
47 Weeks cumulative	838.8	796.5	I 5.3



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WASHINGTON, December 3, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 28 totaled an estimated 15.6 billion ton-miles, 10.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 870.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 28 totaled 341,846, up 9.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 21.2 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 10.3 percent in the East and 8.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 6,736 cars (7.1 percent), metallic ores showed a gain of 3,111 cars (23.9 percent), loadings of metals and products were up 2,517 cars (39.4 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 2,490 cars (13.0 percent). All of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 21 totaled 107,649 trailers and/or containers, 4.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 4,671,367 trailers and/or containers, up 2.6 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/28/87:

	Loadings in Week ended November 28, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,909	I	190	0.8	D	6,637	21.7
Other farm products	2,943	D	585	16.6	D	634	17.7
Metallic ores	16,153	I	3,111	23.9	D	2,656	14.1
Coal	101,461	I	6,736	7.1	D	28,228	21.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,194	I	1,667	19.5	D	4,710	31.6
Nonmetallic minerals	6,381	D	648	9.2	D	4,089	39.1
Grain mill products	9,600	I	430	4.7	D	1,498	13.5
Food and kindred products	9,121	I	394	4.5	D	2,788	23.4
Primary forest products	7,176	I	147	2.1	D	3,420	32.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,007	I	348	6.1	D	1,959	24.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,264	D	771	6.4	D	160	1.4
Chemicals and allied products	21,707	I	2,490	13.0	D	4,961	18.6
Petroleum products	3,930	I	541	16.0	D	875	18.2
Stone, clay and glass products	8,177	I	829	11.3	D	2,068	20.2
Coke	5,251	I	1,684	47.2	D	292	5.3
Metals and products	8,904	I	2,517	39.4	D	1,044	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,172	I	1,368	10.7	D	6,681	32.0
Waste and scrap materials	7,384	I	1,668	29.2	D	2,862	27.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,185	D	272	11.1	D	216	9.0
All other carloads	65,927	I	7,747	13.3	D	18,023	21.5
Total Cars Loaded	341,846	I	29,591	9.5	D	93,801	21.5

Corresponding week of 1986

312,255

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	19,229,205	18,353,157	I 4.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

47 Weeks ended November 21	854.3 (Rev.)	796.5	I 7.3
Week ended November 28	<u>15.6</u>	<u>14.2</u>	I 10.3
48 Weeks cumulative	870.0	810.6	I 7.3

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WASHINGTON, December 10, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 5 totaled an estimated 19.7 billion ton-miles, 11.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 889.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 5 totaled 434,797, up 10.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 27.2 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 9.5 percent in the East and 11.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores showed a gain of 6,844 cars (66.5 percent), coal loadings increased by 4,403 cars (3.7 percent), chemicals and allied products increased by 3,270 cars (12.5 percent), and loadings of metals and products were up 2,783 cars (36.4 percent). All of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 28 totaled 84,608 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 4,755,975 trailers and/or containers, up 2.7 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/5/87:

	Loadings in Week ended December 5, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,258	I	5,132	18.2	I	9,349 39.1
Other farm products	4,090	D	411	9.1	I	1,147 39.0
Metallic ores	17,130	I	6,844	66.5	I	977 6.0
Coal	123,512	I	4,403	3.7	I	22,051 21.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,369	I	2,081	16.9	I	4,175 41.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,540	I	2,634	29.6	I	5,159 80.8
Grain mill products	11,694	I	384	34.0	I	2,094 21.8
Food and kindred products	11,610	I	226	2.0	I	2,489 27.3
Primary forest products	10,951	I	219	2.0	I	3,775 52.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,834	I	398	5.4	I	1,827 30.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,887	I	106	0.8	I	1 623 14.4
Chemicals and allied products	29,370	I	3,270	12.5	I	7,663 35.3
Petroleum products	4,852	I	215	4.6	I	922 23.5
Stone, clay and glass products	10,227	I	878	9.4	I	2,050 25.1
Coke	6,080	I	1,844	43.5	I	829 15.8
Metals and products	10,426	I	2,783	36.4	I	1,522 17.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,571	I	1,644	8.3	I	7,399 52.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,875	I	2,077	26.6	I	2,491 33.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,567	D	569	18.1	I	382 17.5
All other carloads	<u>80,954</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>6,383</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>15,027</u> <u>22.8</u>
Total Cars Loaded	434,797	I	40,541	10.3	I	92,951 27.2

Corresponding week of 1986 394,256

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	19,664,002	18,747,413	I 4.9

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

48 Weeks ended November 28	870.0	810.6	I 7.3
Week ended December 5	<u>19.7</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>I 11.3</u>
49 Weeks cumulative	889.6	828.3	I 7.4

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WASHINGTON, December 17, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 12 totaled an estimated 19.6 billion ton-miles, 10.9 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 909.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 12 totaled 435,407, up 9.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.1 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 9.5 percent in the East and 10.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 16 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 9,586 cars (8.0 percent), metallic ores showed a gain of 4,659 cars (39.9 percent), chemicals and allied products increased by 3,758 cars (15.7 percent), and loadings of metals and products were up 2,746 cars (38.4 percent). Ten of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 5 totaled 103,532 trailers and/or containers, 8.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 4,859,334 trailers and/or containers, up 2.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/12/87:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>December 12, 1987</u>		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,713	I	3,583	12.7	D	1,545	4.6
Other farm products	5,159	D	134	2.5	I	1,069	26.1
Metallic ores	16,347	I	4,659	39.9	D	783	4.6
Coal	129,399	I	9,586	8.0	I	5,887	4.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,217	I	2,074	17.1	D	152	1.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,343	I	610	7.0	D	2,197	19.0
Grain mill products	11,480	I	111	1.0	D	214	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,469	I	122	1.1	D	141	1.2
Primary forest products	11,506	I	1,035	9.9	I	555	5.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,882	I	465	6.3	I	48	0.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,710	D	858	6.8	D	1,177	9.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,746	I	3,758	15.7	D	1,624	5.5
Petroleum products	5,175	I	979	23.3	I	323	6.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,420	I	1,448	16.1	I	193	1.9
Coke	5,624	I	1,787	46.6	D	456	7.5
Metals and products	9,888	I	2,746	38.4	D	538	5.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,620	D	733	3.3	I	49	0.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,992	I	1,713	20.7	I	117	1.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,584	D	336	11.5	I	17	0.7
All other carloads	<u>82,133</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>6,408</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Total Cars Loaded	435,407	I	39,023	9.8	I	610	0.1
Corresponding week of 1986	396,384						
	<u>1987</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	20,099,409		19,143,797		I	5.0	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):							
49 Weeks ended December 5	889.6		828.3		I	7.4	
Week ended December 12	<u>19.6</u>		<u>17.6</u>		<u>I</u>	<u>10.9</u>	
50 Weeks cumulative	909.2		845.9		I	7.5	

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WASHINGTON, December 23, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads has topped a record set three years ago with a week left in 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Through 51 weeks of this year, revenue ton-miles totaled an estimated 928 billion, eclipsing the previous high of 921 billion ton-miles set in 1984.

Freight traffic carried during the week ended December 19 totaled 18.8 billion ton-miles, up 7.9 percent from the 17.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1986.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 19 totaled 419,048, up 6.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 3.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 8.2 percent in the East and 5.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 5,995 cars (61.1 percent), grain showed a gain of 4,833 cars (18.1 percent), metals and products increased by 2,864 cars (41.1 percent), and coal loadings were up 2,582 cars (2.1 percent). Seventeen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 12 totaled 106,808 trailers and/or containers, 1.8 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of the year was 4,966,142 trailers and/or containers, up 2.8 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/19/87:

	Loadings in Week ended December 19, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,513	I	4,833	18.1	D	200	0.6
Other farm products	5,303	I	1,070	25.3	I	144	2.8
Metallic ores	15,814	I	5,995	61.1	D	533	3.3
Coal	122,750	I	2,582	2.1	D	6,649	5.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,446	I	2,100	20.3	D	1,771	12.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,304	D	1,490	13.8	D	39	0.4
Grain mill products	10,962	I	6	0.1	D	518	4.5
Food and kindred products	10,947	I	170	1.6	D	522	4.6
Primary forest products	11,141	D	52	0.5	D	365	3.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,724	D	71	0.9	D	158	2.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,771	D	422	3.5	I	61	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	26,936	I	1,323	5.2	D	810	2.9
Petroleum products	4,576	I	128	2.9	D	599	11.6
Stone, clay and glass products	8,959	I	515	6.1	D	1,461	14.0
Coke	5,715	I	2,163	60.9	I	91	1.6
Metals and products	9,837	I	2,864	41.1	D	51	0.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,798	I	46	0.2	D	1,822	8.4
Waste and scrap materials	9,250	I	1,243	15.5	D	742	7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,472	D	480	16.3	D	112	4.3
All other carloads	<u>81,830</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>3,994</u>	<u>5.1</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>0.4</u>
Total Cars Loaded	419,048	I	26,517	6.8	D	16,359	3.8
Corresponding week of 1986	392,531						
	<u>1987</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	20,518,602		19,536,328		I	5.0	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):							
50 Weeks ended December 12	909.2		845.9		I	7.5	
Week ended December 19	<u>18.8</u>		<u>17.4</u>		<u>I</u>	<u>7.9</u>	
51 Weeks cumulative	928.0		863.4		I	7.5	

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WASHINGTON, December 30, 1987 -- The number of trailers and/or containers carried in piggyback service on major U.S. railroads through the first 51 weeks of this year has topped the record set a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Through 51 weeks of 1987, a total of 5,071,191 trailers and/or containers were hauled, topping the 1986 total of 5,005,968 and making it the sixth straight record year. With one week left in the year, the cumulative total was 2.7 percent ahead of the 51-week total for 1986.

Piggyback freight traffic during the week ended December 19 totaled 105,049 trailers and/or containers, down 1.5 percent from last year.

Meanwhile, overall freight traffic carried during the week ended December 26 totaled 13.3 billion ton-miles, up 18.8 percent from the 11.2 billion carried in the comparable week of 1986.

That brought the total for the year to an estimated 941.3 billion ton-miles, topping last year's figure of 874.6 billion by 7.6 percent and surpassing the previous record of 921 billion ton-miles set in 1984 by 2.1 percent. The 1984 record was passed last week.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 26 totaled 292,956, up 18.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 30.1 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 22.2 percent in the East and 14.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 4,778 cars (53.1 percent), grain showed a gain of 8,164 cars (49.7 percent), metals and products increased by 1,896 cars (35.2 percent), and coal loadings were up 15,977 cars (23.9 percent). All 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/26/87:

	Loadings in Week ended December 26, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,580	I	8,164	49.7	D	6,933	22.0
Other farm products	3,997	I	868	27.7	D	1,306	24.6
Metallic ores	13,768	I	4,778	53.1	D	2,046	12.9
Coal	82,693	I	15,977	23.9	D	40,057	32.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	6,525	I	1,745	36.5	D	5,921	47.6
Nonmetallic minerals	6,095	D	2,228	26.8	D	3,209	34.5
Grain mill products	8,772	I	537	6.5	D	2,190	20.0
Food and kindred products	7,753	I	610	8.5	D	3,194	29.2
Primary forest products	6,546	I	702	12.0	D	4,595	41.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,467	I	520	10.5	D	2,257	29.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,055	D	492	4.3	D	716	6.1
Chemicals and allied products	21,391	I	2,859	15.4	D	5,545	20.6
Petroleum products	3,657	I	441	13.7	D	919	20.1
Stone, clay and glass products	6,408	I	905	16.4	D	2,551	28.5
Coke	4,938	I	1,163	30.8	D	777	13.6
Metals and products	7,279	I	1,896	35.2	D	2,558	26.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,812	I	210	2.0	D	8,986	4.5
Waste and scrap materials	6,032	I	1,365	29.2	D	3,218	34.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,802	D	158	8.1	D	670	27.1
All other carloads	53,386	I	5,510	11.5	D	24,417	31.4
Total Cars Loaded	292,956	I	45,372	18.3	D	126,092	30.1

Corresponding week of 1986 247,584

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks)	20,811,558	19,783,912	I 5.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

51 Weeks ended December 19	926.0	863.4	I 7.5
Week ended December 26	13.3	11.2	I 18.8
52 Weeks cumulative	941.3	874.6	I 7.6

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WASHINGTON, January 21, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 2 totaled 14.2 billion ton-miles, up 12.8 percent from the 12.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Carloadings originated in the week ended January 2 totaled 300,844, up 12.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.7 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 12.3 percent in the East and 12.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 16 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 7,580 cars (172.4 percent), grain showed a gain of 9,943 cars (66.2 percent), and metals and products increased by 2,262 cars (31.7 percent). Coal loadings were up by 4,110 cars (5.2 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the 52 weeks of 1987 totaled 5,155,737 trailers and/or containers, topping the previous record of 5,005,968 set in 1986. The number of trailers and/or containers carried in 1987 was 3.0 percent higher than the 1986 total.

Piggyback freight traffic during the holiday week ended December 26 totaled 84,546 trailers and/or containers, up 25.7 percent from the previous year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/02/88:

	Loadings in Week ended January 2, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	24,966	I		9,943	66.2	I	386 1.6
Other farm products	4,248	I		634	17.5	I	251 6.3
Metallic ores	11,976	I		7,580	172.4	D	1,792 13.0
Coal	83,495	I		4,110	5.2	I	802 1.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,756	I		481	6.6	I	1,231 7.9
Nonmetallic minerals	7,347	D		345	4.5	I	1,252 20.5
Grain mill products	9,470	I		37	0.4	I	698 8.0
Food and kindred products	7,968	I		420	5.6	I	215 2.8
Primary forest products	7,322	D		1,185	13.9	I	776 11.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,688	I		405	7.7	I	221 4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,392	D		726	5.5	I	1,337 12.1
Chemicals and allied products	23,947	I		860	3.7	I	2,556 11.9
Petroleum products	4,052	I		149	3.8	I	395 10.8
Stone, clay and glass products	7,147	D		26	0.4	I	739 11.5
Coke	5,486	I		1,358	32.9	I	548 11.1
Metals and products	9,390	I		2,262	31.7	I	2,111 29.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	6,774	I		2,115	45.4	D	4,038 37.3
Waste and scrap materials	5,062	I		140	2.8	D	970 16.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,540	I		3	0.2	D	262 14.5
All other carloads	<u>54,818</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>5,436</u>	<u>11.0</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1,432</u> <u>2.7</u>
Total Cars Loaded	300,844	I		33,651	12.6	I	7,888 2.7
Corresponding week of 1987	267,193						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 2	14.2	12.6	I 12.8

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1987 and 1986:

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>		Incr./Decr. vs.	
				1987 vs.	1986
	Cars	Cars		Cars	Percent
Grain	1,505,206	1,268,393	I	236,813	18.7
Other farm products	203,375	192,737	I	10,638	5.5
Metallic ores	846,153	797,839	I	48,314	6.1
Coal	5,810,862	5,725,484	I	85,378	1.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	745,962	678,161	I	67,801	10.0
Nonmetallic minerals	489,677	475,496	I	14,181	3.0
Grain mill products	565,386	546,376	I	19,010	3.5
Food and kindred products	567,210	563,040	I	4,170	0.7
Primary forest products	543,681	535,037	I	8,644	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	418,740	397,019	I	21,721	5.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	646,724	664,814	D	18,090	2.7
Chemicals and allied products	1,369,714	1,272,994	I	96,720	7.6
Petroleum products	249,500	240,657	I	8,843	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	539,234	510,479	I	28,755	5.6
Coke	260,174	218,357	I	41,817	19.2
Metals and products	472,378	414,617	I	57,761	13.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	980,383	1,037,631	D	57,248	5.5
Waste and scrap materials	451,843	412,816	I	39,027	9.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	142,842	197,856	D	55,014	27.8
All other carloads	<u>4,002,514</u>	<u>3,634,109</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>368,405</u>	<u>10.1</u>
Total Cars Loaded	20,811,558	19,783,912	I	1,027,646	5.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
First quarter	226.4	218.6	I 3.6
Second quarter	230.6	215.7	I 6.9
Third quarter	242.3	218.3	I 11.0
Fourth quarter	<u>242.1</u>	<u>221.9</u>	<u>I 9.1</u>
Year	941.3	874.5	I 7.6

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WASHINGTON, February 1, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 9 totaled 17.1 billion ton-miles, up 3.4 percent from the 16.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Carloadings originated in the week ended January 9 totaled 375,646, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 24.9 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 0.4 percent in the East and 4.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 10 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 7,451 cars (135.8 percent), grain showed a gain of 3,704 cars (15.0 percent), and nonmetallic minerals increased by 2,621 cars (29.0 percent). Coke loadings were up by 1,920 cars (47.6 percent). All of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback freight traffic during the holiday week ended January 2 totaled 72,458 trailers and/or containers, up 8.9 percent from the previous holiday week, and 8.8 percent above the comparable week of 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/09/88:

	Loadings in Week ended January 9, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,435	I	3,704	15.0	I	3,469	13.9
Other farm products	4,715	D	361	7.1	I	467	11.0
Metallic ores	12,936	I	7,451	135.8	I	960	8.0
Coal	107,774	D	1,404	1.3	I	24,279	29.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,777	D	2,760	23.9	I	1,021	13.2
Nonmetallic minerals	11,644	I	2,621	29.0	I	4,297	58.5
Grain mill products	11,419	I	181	1.6	I	1,949	20.6
Food and kindred products	10,742	I	71	0.7	I	2,774	34.8
Primary forest products	9,523	D	1,955	17.0	I	2,201	30.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,895	D	353	4.9	I	1,207	21.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,024	D	39	0.3	I	632	5.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,405	I	481	1.8	I	3,458	14.4
Petroleum products	5,070	I	112	2.3	I	1,018	25.1
Stone, clay and glass products	8,061	D	866	9.7	I	914	12.8
Coke	5,953	I	1,920	47.6	I	467	8.5
Metals and products	10,161	I	1,854	22.3	I	771	8.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,373	D	1,073	6.5	I	8,599	126.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,588	D	433	5.4	I	2,526	49.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,841	D	385	17.3	I	301	19.5
All other carloads	68,310	I	160	0.2	I	13,492	24.6
Total Cars Loaded	375,646	I	8,926	2.4	I	74,802	24.9
Corresponding week of 1987	366,720						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 9	17.1	16.5	1 3.4

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WASHINGTON, February 4, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 16 totaled 18.2 billion ton-miles, up 3.4 percent from the 17.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1988 was an estimated 35.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended January 16 totaled 407,644, up 3.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 8.5 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.8 percent in the East and 4.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain increased by 7,076 cars (26.8 percent), metals and products showed a gain of 2,528 cars (31.4 percent), and nonmetallic minerals increased by 1,975 cars (23.7 percent). Coke loadings were up by 1,768 cars (44.2 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback freight traffic during the week ended January 9 totaled 90,073 trailers and/or containers, up 0.1 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/16/88:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>January 16, 1988</u>		Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,525	I	7,076	26.8	I	5,090 17.9
Other farm products	5,008	D	457	8.4	I	293 6.2
Metallic ores	13,066	I	1,701	15.0	I	130 1.0
Coal	116,378	I	544	0.5	I	8,604 8.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,060	D	2,410	19.3	I	1,283 14.6
Nonmetallic minerals	10,311	I	1,975	23.7	D	1,333 11.4
Grain mill products	11,497	I	310	2.8	I	78 0.7
Food and kindred products	11,642	I	300	2.6	I	900 8.4
Primary forest products	10,289	D	722	6.6	D	766 8.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,097	D	842	10.6	I	202 2.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,949	D	1,081	8.3	D	1,075 8.3
Chemicals and allied products	27,506	I	789	3.0	I	101 0.4
Petroleum products	5,265	I	591	12.6	I	195 3.8
Stone, clay and glass products	8,580	D	586	6.4	I	519 6.4
Coke	5,766	I	1,768	44.2	D	187 3.1
Metals and products	10,591	I	2,528	31.4	I	430 4.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,428	D	1,746	8.2	I	4,055 26.4
Waste and scrap materials	9,064	I	451	5.2	I	1,476 19.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,489	D	299	10.7	I	648 35.2
All other carloads	<u>78,133</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>9,823</u> <u>14.4</u>
Total Cars Loaded	407,644	I	12,731	3.2	I	31,998 8.5

Corresponding week of 1987 394,913

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	783,290	761,633	I 2.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

Week ended January 9	17.1	16.5	I 3.4
Week ended January 16	<u>18.2</u>	<u>17.6</u>	<u>I 3.4</u>
2 Weeks cumulative	35.3	34.1	I 3.4

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WASHINGTON, February 5, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 23 totaled 18.8 billion ton-miles, up 11.7 percent from the 16.8 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1988 was an estimated 54.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended January 23 totaled 416,608, up 11.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.2 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 15.2 percent in the East and 8.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal increased by 15,526 cars (14.4 percent), grain showed a gain of 8,981 cars (37.5 percent), metals and products increased by 3,238 cars (42.4 percent), and chemicals and allied products were up by 2,502 cars (9.8 percent). Thirteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback freight traffic during the week ended January 16 totaled 99,908 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of the year was 262,439 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/23/88:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>January 23, 1988</u>		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,934	I	8,981	37.5	D	591	1.8
Other farm products	4,881	I	252	5.4	D	127	2.5
Metallic ores	10,610	D	2,397	18.4	D	2,456	18.8
Coal	123,710	I	15,526	14.4	I	7,332	6.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,816	I	1,590	15.5	I	1,756	17.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,832	I	1,471	17.6	D	479	4.6
Grain mill products	10,904	D	436	3.8	D	593	5.2
Food and kindred products	11,691	I	778	7.1	I	49	0.4
Primary forest products	10,444	I	989	10.5	I	155	1.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,887	D	249	3.1	I	790	11.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,636	D	156	1.2	I	687	5.7
Chemicals and allied products	27,914	I	2,502	9.8	I	408	1.5
Petroleum products	4,907	I	217	4.6	D	358	6.8
Stone, clay and glass products	9,121	I	822	9.9	I	541	6.3
Coke	5,537	I	1,610	41.0	D	229	4.0
Metals and products	10,874	I	3,238	42.4	I	283	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,040	D	1,144	5.4	I	612	3.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,572	I	1,455	17.9	I	508	5.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,683	D	154	5.4	I	194	7.8
All other carloads	<u>78,615</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>9,467</u>	<u>13.7</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Total Cars Loaded	416,608	I	44,362	11.9	I	8,964	2.2
Corresponding week of 1987	372,246						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (3 weeks)	1,199,898	1,133,879	I 5.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
2 weeks ended January 16	35.3	34.1	I 3.4
Week ended January 23	<u>18.8</u>	<u>16.8</u>	<u>I 11.7</u>
3 Weeks cumulative	54.1	50.9	I 6.1

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WASHINGTON, February 18, 1988 -- Cumulative volume of freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the first five weeks of 1988 was an estimated 91.5 billion ton-miles, up 6.4 percent from the comparable period of last year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Freight traffic on major railroads during the week ended February 6 was an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 2.5 percent from the 17.9 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Traffic during the week ended January 30 (unreported previously) was an estimated 19.1 billion ton-miles, up 11.3 percent from the 17.1 billion carried a year earlier.

Carloadings originated in the week ended February 6 totaled 407,357, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 2.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 0.5 percent in the East and 3.6 percent in the West.

Carloadings originated in the week ended January 30 totaled 417,293, up 11.5 percent from last year, and 0.2 percent higher than the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 17.7 percent in the East and 5.2 percent in the West.

Piggyback

The cumulative volume of piggyback traffic for the first four weeks of this year was 395,530 trailers and/or containers, up 5.9 percent from 1987.

In the week ended January 30, trailers and/or containers loaded totaled 104,393, up 10.8 percent from 1987. In the week ended January 23 (unreported previously), a total of 101,156 trailers and/or containers were loaded, an increase of 9.3 percent over a year ago.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/6/88:

	Loadings in Week ended February 6, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	33,466	I		6,143	22.5	D	728	2.1
Other farm products	4,097	I		329	8.7	D	905	18.1
Metallic ores	12,297	D		663	5.1	I	1,103	9.9
Coal	113,546	D		3,109	2.7	D	5,892	4.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,355	I		84	0.7	I	92	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,916	I		672	7.3	D	102	1.0
Grain mill products	10,724	D		444	4.0	D	465	4.2
Food and kindred products	11,308	D		292	2.5	D	307	2.6
Primary forest products	10,375	D		574	5.2	D	484	4.5
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	7,562	D		215	2.8	D	1,177	13.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,487	D		282	2.2	I	60	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	27,393	I		699	2.6	D	1,079	3.8
Petroleum products	4,830	I		171	3.7	D	286	5.6
Stone, clay and glass products	9,268	I		224	2.5	D	51	0.5
Coke	5,769	I		1,455	33.7	I	419	7.8
Metals and products	10,647	I		2,186	25.8	D	957	8.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,438	D		2,874	12.9	D	586	2.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,349	I		639	7.3	I	271	3.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,562	D		480	15.8	D	178	6.5
All other carloads	80,968	I		4,080	5.3	I	1,316	1.7
Total Cars Loaded	407,357	I		7,749	1.9	D	9,936	2.4

Corresponding week of 1987 399,608

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	2,024,548	1,907,883	I 6.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

4 weeks ended January 30	73.1	68.1	I 7.4
Week ended February 6	<u>18.4</u>	<u>17.9</u>	<u>I 2.5</u>
5 Weeks cumulative	91.5	86.0	I 6.4

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/30/88:

	Loadings in Week ended January 30, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,194	I	8,920	35.3	I	1,260	3.8
Other farm products	5,002	I	795	18.9	I	121	2.5
Metallic ores	11,194	D	687	5.8	I	584	5.5
Coal	119,438	I	15,482	14.9	D	4,272	3.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,263	I	1,286	12.9	D	553	4.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,018	I	2,832	39.4	I	186	1.9
Grain mill products	11,189	D	243	2.1	I	285	2.6
Food and kindred products	11,615	I	615	5.6	D	76	0.7
Primary forest products	10,859	I	532	5.2	I	415	4.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,739	I	144	1.7	I	852	10.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,427	D	847	6.4	D	209	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	28,472	I	1,911	7.2	I	558	2.0
Petroleum products	5,116	D	6	0.1	I	209	4.3
Stone, clay and glass products	9,319	I	1,255	15.6	I	198	2.2
Coke	5,350	I	1,508	39.3	D	187	3.4
Metals and products	11,604	I	3,273	39.3	I	730	6.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,024	D	1,926	8.8	D	16	0.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,078	I	1,016	12.6	D	494	5.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,740	D	106	3.7	I	57	2.1
All other carloads	<u>79,652</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>7,143</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>1.3</u>
Total Cars Loaded	417,293	I	42,897	11.5	I	685	0.2

Corresponding week of 1987 374,396

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks)	1,617,191	1,508,275	I 7.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

3 weeks ended January 23	54.1	50.9	I 6.1
Week ended January 30	<u>19.1</u>	<u>17.1</u>	<u>I 11.3</u>
4 Weeks cumulative	73.1	68.1	I 7.4

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WASHINGTON, February 22, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 13 totaled 18.2 billion ton-miles, up 2.5 percent from the 17.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1988 was an estimated 109.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended February 13 totaled 403,864, up 1.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.9 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.8 percent in the West, but down 1.0 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 10 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain loadings were up by 5,715 cars (21.4 percent), metals and products showed a gain of 1,400 cars (15.5 percent) and coke increased by 1,351 cars (31.8 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment showed a decrease of 2,622 cars (11.8 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended February 6 totaled 106,812 trailers and/or containers, up 8.4 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 502,342 trailers and/or containers, up 6.4 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/13/88:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>February 13, 1988</u>			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,415	I		5,715	21.4	D	1,051	3.1
Other farm products	3,988	I		583	17.1	D	109	2.7
Metallic ores	11,065	D		1,281	10.4	D	1,232	10.1
Coal	113,207	I		880	0.8	D	339	0.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,703	D		1,064	9.0	D	652	5.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,097	I		1,312	14.9	I	181	1.8
Grain mill products	10,823	D		767	6.6	I	99	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,106	D		403	3.5	D	202	1.8
Primary forest products	10,650	D		628	5.6	I	275	2.7
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	7,852	D		323	4.0	I	290	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,313	D		860	6.5	D	174	1.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,440	I		1,033	3.8	I	1,047	3.8
Petroleum products	5,092	I		417	8.9	I	262	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,136	D		658	6.7	D	132	1.4
Coke	5,594	I		1,351	31.8	D	175	3.0
Metals and products	10,416	I		1,400	15.5	D	231	2.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,640	D		2,622	11.8	I	202	1.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,479	I		549	6.1	I	130	1.4
Forwarder and shipper								
association traffic	2,505	D		243	8.8	D	57	2.2
All other carloads	<u>79,343</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>2,451</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Total Cars Loaded	403,864	I		6,842	1.7	D	3,493	0.9

Corresponding week of 1987 397,022

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,428,412	2,304,905	I 5.4

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

5 weeks ended February 6	91.5	86.0	I 6.4
Week ended February 13	<u>18.2</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>I 2.5</u>

6 Weeks cumulative	109.7	103.7	I 5.7
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WASHINGTON, February 25, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 20 totaled 18.4 billion ton-miles, up 6.1 percent from the 17.3 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1988 was an estimated 128.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended February 20 totaled 408,463, up 6.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain loadings were up by 6,587 cars (25.3 percent), coal showed a gain of 6,444 cars (5.8 percent), and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand showed an increase of 2,684 cars (26.5 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended February 13 totaled 102,985 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 605,327 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/20/88:

	Loadings in Week ended February 20, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	32,649	I		6,587	25.3	I	234	0.7
Other farm products	3,919	I		683	21.1	D	69	1.7
Metallic ores	11,929	D		215	1.8	I	864	7.8
Coal	117,307	I		6,444	5.8	I	4,004	3.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,822	I		2,684	26.5	I	2,119	19.8
Nonmetallic minerals	10,046	I		1,188	13.4	D	51	0.5
Grain mill products	10,477	D		905	8.0	D	346	3.2
Food and kindred products	11,106	I		458	4.3	-	0	0.0
Primary forest products	10,334	I		127	1.2	D	316	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,832	D		657	7.7	D	20	0.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,496	D		491	3.8	I	184	1.5
Chemicals and allied products	26,707	D		1,218	4.4	D	1,727	6.1
Petroleum products	4,790	I		58	1.2	D	302	5.9
Stone, clay and glass products	9,434	I		894	10.5	I	301	3.3
Coke	5,837	I		1,606	38.0	I	243	4.3
Metals and products	10,586	I		2,629	33.0	I	170	1.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,341	D		1,305	6.0	I	701	3.6
Waste and scrap materials	9,661	I		1,138	13.4	I	183	1.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,519	I		2	0.1	I	14	0.6
All other carloads	<u>77,671</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>3,237</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>1,672</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Total Cars Loaded	408,463	I		22,944	6.0	I	4,514	1.1

Corresponding week of 1987 403,949

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,836,960	2,690,424	I 5.4

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

6 weeks ended February 13	109.7	103.7	I 5.7
Week ended February 20	<u>18.4</u>	<u>17.3</u>	<u>I 6.1</u>

7 Weeks cumulative	128.1	121.1	I 5.8
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WASHINGTON, March 3, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 27 totaled 19.3 billion ton-miles, up 10.3 percent from the 17.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1988 was an estimated 147.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended February 27 totaled 428,106, up 9.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 4.8 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.8 percent in the East and 13.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 14,202 cars (13.2 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,832 cars (29.5 percent), and metals and products increased by 3,373 cars (38.5 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended February 20 totaled 100,607 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of the year was 705,934 trailers and/or containers, up 5.9 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/27/88:

	Loadings in Week ended February 27, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	34,398	I		7,832	29.5	I	1,749 5.4
Other farm products	3,223	D		63	1.9	D	696 17.8
Metallic ores	14,423	D		143	1.0	I	2,494 20.9
Coal	121,427	I		14,202	13.2	I	4,120 3.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,789	I		2,491	24.2	D	33 0.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,369	I		1,300	14.3	I	323 3.2
Grain mill products	10,970	D		462	4.0	I	493 4.7
Food and kindred products	11,754	I		562	5.0	I	648 0.6
Primary forest products	10,766	I		567	5.6	I	432 4.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,698	D		219	2.5	I	866 11.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,207	D		1,345	9.9	D	289 2.3
Chemicals and allied products	28,318	D		1,160	3.9	I	1,611 6.0
Petroleum products	5,012	I		258	5.4	I	222 4.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,494	I		1,281	13.9	I	1,060 11.2
Coke	5,720	I		1,529	36.5	D	117 2.0
Metals and products	12,124	I		3,373	38.5	I	1,538 14.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,129	D		2,079	9.4	D	212 1.0
Waste and scrap materials	10,052	I		1,255	14.3	I	391 4.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,598	D		370	12.5	I	79 3.1
All other carloads	82,635	I		6,709	8.8	I	4,964 6.4
Total Cars Loaded	428,106	I		35,518	9.0	I	19,643 4.8

Corresponding week of 1987 392,588

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks)	3,264,923	3,083,012	I 5.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
7 weeks ended February 20	128.1	121.1	I 5.8
Week ended February 27	19.3	17.5	I 10.3
8 Weeks cumulative	147.4	138.6	I 6.4

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WASHINGTON, March 10, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 5 totaled 19.1 billion ton-miles, up 9.1 percent from the 17.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first nine weeks of 1988 was an estimated 166.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended March 5 totaled 423,152, up 7.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.2 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.4 percent in the East and 13.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 9,344 cars (3.6 percent), grain showed a gain of 6,041 cars (21.5 percent), and metals and products increased by 3,232 cars (39.3 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended February 27 totaled 107,000 trailers and/or containers, up 8.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of the year was 812,934 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/05/88:

	Loadings in Week ended March 5, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,181	I	6,041	21.5	D	217	0.6
Other farm products	3,358	D	27	0.8	I	135	4.2
Metallic ores	12,891	D	1,003	7.2	D	1,532	10.6
Coal	117,731	I	9,344	8.6	D	3,696	3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,703	I	1,216	9.7	I	914	7.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,954	I	1,337	15.5	D	415	4.0
Grain mill products	10,539	D	591	5.3	D	431	3.9
Food and kindred products	11,490	I	324	2.9	D	264	2.2
Primary forest products	10,928	I	362	3.4	I	162	1.5
Lumber and wood products							
except furniture	8,092	I	93	1.2	D	606	7.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,673	D	81	0.6	I	466	3.8
Chemicals and allied products	28,916	I	1,904	7.0	I	598	2.1
Petroleum products	4,804	I	72	1.5	D	208	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,732	I	632	6.3	I	238	2.3
Coke	5,700	I	1,201	26.7	D	20	0.3
Metals and products	11,457	I	3,232	39.3	D	667	5.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,849	D	1,691	7.9	D	280	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	10,291	I	1,566	17.9	I	239	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,712	D	189	6.5	I	114	4.4
All other carloads	<u>83,151</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>6,331</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Total Cars Loaded	423,152	I	30,073	7.7	D	4,954	1.2

Corresponding week of 1987 393,079

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks)	3,688,075	3,476,091	I 6.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
8 weeks ended February 27	147.4	138.6	I 6.4
Week ended March 5	<u>19.1</u>	<u>17.5</u>	<u>I 9.1</u>
9 Weeks cumulative	166.4	156.0	I 6.7

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WASHINGTON, March 17, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 12 totaled 18.8 billion ton-miles, up 5.9 percent from the 17.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 185.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended March 12 totaled 417,147, up 5.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.4 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East and 6.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 4,769 cars (4.4 percent), grain showed a gain of 4,462 cars (15.6 percent), and metals and products increased by 2,432 cars (29.2 percent). Thirteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended March 5 totaled 123,168 trailers and/or containers, up 17.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first nine weeks of the year was 1,046,731 trailers and/or containers, up 15.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/12/88:

	Loadings in Week ended March 12, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,003	I	4,462	15.6	D	1,178	3.4
Other farm products	3,430	D	779	18.5	I	72	2.1
Metallic ores	14,833	D	523	3.4	I	1,942	15.1
Coal	113,068	I	4,769	4.4	D	4,663	4.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,493	I	2,059	16.6	I	790	5.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,655	I	1,283	15.3	D	299	3.0
Grain mill products	10,262	D	1,053	9.3	D	277	2.6
Food and kindred products	10,922	D	170	1.5	D	568	4.9
Primary forest products	10,157	D	691	6.4	D	771	7.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,198	D	275	3.2	I	106	1.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,416	D	421	3.3	D	257	2.0
Chemicals and allied products	28,625	I	1,088	4.0	D	291	1.0
Petroleum products	5,008	I	435	9.5	I	204	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,652	I	800	8.1	D	80	0.7
Coke	5,149	I	696	15.6	D	551	9.7
Metals and products	10,749	I	2,432	29.2	D	708	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,604	D	177	0.8	I	1,755	8.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,332	I	1,468	16.6	I	41	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,578	D	169	6.2	D	134	4.9
All other carloads	<u>82,013</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>4,599</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>1.4</u>
Total Cars Loaded	417,147	I	19,833	5.0	D	6,005	1.4

Corresponding week of 1987 397,314

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks)	4,105,222	3,873,405	I 6.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
9 weeks ended March 5	166.4	156.0	I 6.7
Week ended March 12	<u>18.8</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>I 5.9</u>
10 Weeks cumulative	185.2	173.7	I 6.6

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WASHINGTON, March 24, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 19 totaled 19.0 billion ton-miles, up 6.1 percent from the 17.9 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 204.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended March 19 totaled 422,351, up 4.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.2 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 0.02 percent in the East and 10.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 10 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 6,474 cars (5.8 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,827 cars (29.1 percent), and metals and products increased by 2,300 cars (27.0 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended March 12 totaled 118,630 trailers and/or containers, up 11.8 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first ten weeks of the year was 1,165,361 trailers and/or containers, up 15.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/19/88:

	Loadings in Week ended March 19, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	34,733	I		7,827	29.1	I	1,730 5.2
Other farm products	3,359	D		820	19.6	D	71 2.1
Metallic ores	14,246	D		939	6.2	D	587 4.0
Coal	118,038	I		6,474	5.8	I	4,970 4.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,066	I		762	5.7	D	427 2.9
Nonmetallic minerals	9,630	D		576	5.6	D	25 0.3
Grain mill products	10,113	D		800	7.3	D	149 1.5
Food and kindred products	10,859	D		377	3.4	D	63 0.6
Primary forest products	10,131	D		502	4.7	D	26 0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,230	I		71	0.9	I	32 0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,322	D		287	2.3	D	94 0.8
Chemicals and allied products	28,605	D		316	1.1	D	20 0.07
Petroleum products	5,050	I		98	2.0	I	42 0.8
Stone, clay and glass products	10,956	I		761	7.5	I	304 2.9
Coke	5,460	I		838	18.1	I	311 6.0
Metals and products	10,806	I		2,300	27.0	I	57 0.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,489	D		459	2.1	D	115 0.5
Waste and scrap materials	10,474	I		1,408	15.5	I	142 1.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,462	D		202	7.6	D	116 4.5
All other carloads	<u>81,322</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>3,880</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>691</u> <u>0.8</u>
Total Cars Loaded	422,351	I		19,141	4.7	I	5,204 1.2

Corresponding week of 1987 403,210

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,527,573	4,276,615	I 5.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
10 weeks ended March 12	185.2	173.7	I 6.6
Week ended March 19	<u>19.0</u>	<u>17.9</u>	<u>I</u> <u>6.1</u>
11 Weeks cumulative	204.2	191.6	I 6.5

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WASHINGTON, March 31, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 26 totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 8.3 percent from the 18.0 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 223.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended March 26 totaled 431,063, up 7.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.3 percent in the East and 12.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 14,443 cars (13.3 percent), grain showed a gain of 10,007 cars (38.9 percent), and crushed stone, gravel and sand increased by 1,698 cars (11.9 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended March 19 totaled 108,756 trailers and/or containers, up 4.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of the year was 1,177,011 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/26/88:

	Loadings in Week ended March 26, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	35,763	I		10,007	38.9	I	1,030	3.0
Other farm products	3,421	D		356	9.4	I	62	1.8
Metallic ores	13,820	D		3,432	19.9	D	426	3.0
Coal	123,143	I		14,443	13.3	I	5,105	4.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,934	I		1,698	11.9	I	1,868	13.3
Nonmetallic minerals	9,927	I		1,118	12.7	I	297	3.1
Grain mill products	10,715	D		172	1.6	I	602	6.0
Food and kindred products	11,077	I		290	2.7	I	218	2.0
Primary forest products	10,257	D		629	5.8	I	126	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,533	D		250	2.8	I	303	3.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,692	D		260	2.0	I	370	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	29,196	I		758	2.7	I	591	2.1
Petroleum products	4,999	I		306	6.5	D	51	1.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,156	I		881	8.6	I	200	1.8
Coke	5,655	I		635	12.6	I	195	3.6
Metals and products	11,073	I		1,640	17.4	I	267	2.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,417	D		342	1.6	D	72	0.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,106	I		1,071	11.9	D	368	3.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,584	D		137	5.0	I	122	5.0
All other carloads	79,595	I		750	1.0	D	1,727	2.1
Total Cars Loaded	431,063	I		28,019	7.0	I	8,712	2.1

Corresponding week of 1987 403,044

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks)	4,958,636	4,679,659	I 6.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
11 weeks ended March 19	204.2	191.6	I 6.5
Week ended March 26	<u>19.4</u>	<u>18.0</u>	<u>I 8.3</u>
12 Weeks cumulative	223.6	209.6	I 6.7

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WASHINGTON, April 7, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 2 totaled 18.0 billion ton-miles, up 6.9 percent from the 16.8 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987. The 1988 week included the Good Friday holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 241.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended April 2 totaled 405,245, up 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 6.0 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 10.0 percent in the West, while loadings in the East were down 0.9 percent.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were up by 13,171 cars (13.5 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,195 cars (27.3 percent), and metals and products increased by 2,393 cars (25.2 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended March 26 totaled 109,784 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of the year was 1,286,795 trailers and/or containers, up 5.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/2/88:

	Loadings in Week ended April 2, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,520	I	7,195	27.3	D	2,243	6.3
Other farm products	3,101	D	89	2.8	D	320	9.4
Metallic ores	15,802	I	1,903	13.7	I	1,982	14.3
Coal	110,558	I	13,171	13.5	D	12,585	10.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,025	I	792	5.6	D	909	5.7
Nonmetallic minerals	9,396	D	954	9.2	D	531	5.3
Grain mill products	9,824	D	1,040	9.6	D	891	8.3
Food and kindred products	10,523	D	640	5.7	D	554	5.0
Primary forest products	9,464	D	537	5.4	D	793	7.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,422	I	100	1.2	D	111	1.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,394	D	389	3.0	D	298	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	26,226	D	1,897	6.7	D	2,970	10.2
Petroleum products	4,278	D	517	10.8	D	721	14.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,530	D	106	1.0	D	626	5.6
Coke	5,321	I	190	3.7	D	334	5.9
Metals and products	11,886	I	2,393	25.2	I	813	7.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,492	D	3,123	15.1	D	3,925	18.3
Waste and scrap materials	9,205	I	547	6.3	D	901	8.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,665	D	49	1.8	I	81	3.1
All other carloads	<u>79,613</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0.02</u>
Total Cars Loaded	405,245	I	16,427	4.2	D	25,818	6.0

Corresponding week of 1987 388,818

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (13 weeks)	5,363,881	5,068,477	I 5.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
12 weeks ended March 26	223.6	209.6	I 6.7
Week ended April 2	<u>18.0</u>	<u>16.8</u>	<u>I 6.9</u>
13 Weeks cumulative	241.6	226.4	I 6.7

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WASHINGTON, April 14, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 9 totaled 18.5 billion ton-miles, up 5.8 percent from the 17.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 260.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended April 9 totaled 414,881, up 3.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 2.4 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 8.8 percent in the West, while loadings in the East were down 0.9 percent.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,391 cars (28.1 percent), coal loadings were up by 5,327 cars (4.8 percent), and metals and products increased by 2,241 cars (27.8 percent). Thirteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended April 2 totaled 108,169 trailers and/or containers, up 1.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 1,394,964 trailers and/or containers, up 4.9 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/9/88:

	Loadings in Week ended April 9, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,719	I	7,391	28.1	I	199	0.6
Other farm products	3,641	I	261	7.7	I	540	17.4
Metallic ores	17,076	D	360	2.1	I	1,274	8.1
Coal	117,390	I	5,327	4.8	I	6,832	6.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,404	I	952	6.2	I	1,379	9.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,180	I	987	10.7	I	784	8.3
Grain mill products	10,454	D	238	2.2	I	630	6.4
Food and kindred products	10,608	I	60	0.6	I	85	0.8
Primary forest products	9,373	D	1,236	11.7	D	91	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,786	D	445	5.4	D	636	7.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,287	I	155	1.3	D	107	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	28,920	I	2,115	7.9	I	2,694	10.3
Petroleum products	5,257	I	538	11.4	I	979	22.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,132	I	299	2.8	I	602	5.7
Coke	6,023	I	1,246	26.1	I	702	13.2
Metals and products	10,298	I	2,241	27.8	D	1,588	13.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,409	D	2,327	11.2	I	917	5.2
Waste and scrap materials	8,776	I	108	1.2	D	429	4.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,412	D	314	11.5	D	253	9.5
All other carloads	74,736	D	2,371	3.1	D	4,877	6.1
Total Cars Loaded	414,881	I	14,389	3.6	I	9,636	2.4

Corresponding week of 1987 400,492

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks)	5,778,762	5,468,969	I 5.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
13 weeks ended April 2	241.6	226.4	I 6.7
Week ended April 9	<u>18.5</u>	<u>17.5</u>	I 5.8
14 Weeks cumulative	260.1	243.9	I 6.6

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WASHINGTON, April 21, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 16 totaled 19.3 billion ton-miles, up 14.0 percent from the 16.9 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987. The 1987 week included the Good Friday holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 279.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended April 16 totaled 434,627, up 12.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 4.8 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 18.1 percent in the West, and 7.5 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 11,484 cars (10.5 percent), grain showed a gain of 9,437 cars (38.9 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 4,973 cars (28.5 percent). Eighteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended April 9 totaled 103,698 trailers and/or containers, up 1.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 1,498,662 trailers and/or containers, up 4.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/16/88:

	Loadings in Week ended April 16, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,671	I	9,437	38.9	D	48	0.1
Other farm products	3,672	I	13	0.4	I	31	0.9
Metallic ores	18,436	I	210	1.2	I	1,360	8.0
Coal	121,108	I	11,484	10.5	I	3,718	3.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,830	I	1,457	9.5	I	426	2.6
Nonmetallic minerals	10,550	I	1,885	21.8	I	370	3.6
Grain mill products	10,948	I	570	5.5	I	494	4.7
Food and kindred products	11,109	I	888	8.7	I	501	4.7
Primary forest products	9,890	D	205	2.0	I	517	5.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,113	D	36	0.4	I	327	4.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,289	D	68	0.6	I	2	0.02
Chemicals and allied products	29,391	I	3,161	12.1	I	471	1.6
Petroleum products	4,818	I	520	12.1	D	439	8.4
Stone, clay and glass products	12,074	I	1,795	17.5	I	942	8.5
Coke	6,279	I	1,512	31.7	I	256	4.3
Metals and products	10,977	I	2,345	27.2	I	679	6.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,416	I	4,973	28.5	I	4,007	21.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,974	I	2,265	29.4	I	1,198	13.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,557	I	98	4.0	I	145	6.0
All other carloads	<u>79,525</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>4,789</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>4,789</u>	<u>6.4</u>
Total Cars Loaded	434,627	I	48,105	12.4	I	19,746	4.8

Corresponding week of 1987 386,522

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks)	6,213,389	5,855,491	I 6.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
14 weeks ended April 9	260.1	243.9	I 6.6
Week ended April 16	<u>19.3</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>I 14.0</u>
15 Weeks cumulative	279.4	260.8	I 7.1

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WASHINGTON, April 28, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 23 totaled 19.3 billion ton-miles, up 10.6 percent from the 17.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 298.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended April 23 totaled 431,582, up 8.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 0.7 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 16.2 percent in the West, and 2.8 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 15 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 9,375 cars (8.6 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,232 cars (28.4 percent), and metallic ores increased by 4,913 cars (33.0 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended April 16 totaled 108,642 trailers and/or containers, up 7.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 1,609,159 trailers and/or containers, up 5.0 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/23/88:

	<u>Loadings in Week ended April 23, 1988</u>		<u>Change from Corresponding Week 1987</u>			<u>Change from Preceding Week</u>	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,723	I	7,232	28.4	D	948	2.8
Other farm products	3,506	D	96	2.7	D	166	4.5
Metallic ores	19,803	I	4,913	33.0	I	1,367	7.4
Coal	118,610	I	9,375	8.6	D	2,498	2.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,360	I	1,008	6.2	I	530	3.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,773	I	629	6.2	I	223	2.1
Grain mill products	11,148	I	623	5.9	I	200	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,366	I	368	3.3	I	257	2.3
Primary forest products	9,364	D	1,671	15.1	D	526	5.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,184	D	481	5.6	I	71	0.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,031	D	612	4.8	D	258	2.1
Chemicals and allied products	28,890	I	261	0.9	D	501	1.7
Petroleum products	4,913	D	59	1.2	I	95	2.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,492	I	425	3.8	D	582	4.8
Coke	5,848	I	675	13.0	D	431	6.9
Metals and products	11,234	I	2,158	23.8	I	257	2.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,639	I	3,755	19.9	I	223	1.0
Waste and scrap materials	10,054	I	1,906	23.4	I	80	0.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,649	I	186	7.6	I	92	3.6
All other carloads	<u>78,995</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>4,786</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>0.7</u>
Total Cars Loaded	431,582	I	35,381	8.9	D	3,045	0.7

Corresponding week of 1987 396,201

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	6,658,248	6,251,692	I 6.5
Estimated revenue bn-miles (in billions):			
15 weeks ended April 16	279.4	260.8	I 7.1
Week ended April 2	<u>19.3</u>	<u>17.5</u>	<u>I 10.6</u>
16 Weeks cumulative	298.7	278.3	I 7.3

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WASHINGTON, May 5, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 30 totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 8.0 percent from the 18.0 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 318.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended April 30 totaled 437,378, up 6.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 1.3 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 12.4 percent in the West, and 1.7 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 8,637 cars (7.6 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,642 cars (31.7 percent), and metallic ores increased by 2,862 cars (16.9 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended April 23 totaled 107,419 trailers and/or containers, up 6.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 1,714,058 trailers and/or containers, up 5.1 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/30/88:

	Loadings in Week ended April 30, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,771	I	7,642	31.7	D	952	2.9
Other farm products	3,265	D	565	14.8	D	241	6.9
Metallic ores	19,792	I	2,862	16.9	D	11	0.06
Coal	121,738	I	8,637	7.6	I	3,128	2.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,939	I	223	1.3	D	421	2.4
Nonmetallic minerals	11,182	I	1,094	10.8	I	409	3.8
Grain mill products	11,131	I	269	2.5	D	17	0.2
Food and kindred products	10,942	D	215	1.9	D	424	3.7
Primary forest products	9,739	D	1,250	11.4	I	375	4.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,103	I	197	2.2	I	919	11.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,646	D	130	1.0	I	615	5.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,298	D	1,163	4.1	D	1,592	5.5
Petroleum products	5,342	I	639	13.6	I	429	8.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,353	D	40	0.4	D	139	1.2
Coke	6,257	I	1,060	20.4	I	409	7.0
Metals and products	11,861	I	1,745	17.2	I	627	5.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,328	I	1,283	6.1	D	311	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	10,381	I	1,708	19.7	I	327	3.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,726	I	107	4.1	I	77	2.9
All other carloads	81,584	I	2,894	3.7	I	2,589	3.3
Total Cars Loaded	437,378	I	26,997	6.6	I	5,796	1.3

Corresponding week of 1987 410,381

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	7,095,626	6,662,073	I 6.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

16 weeks ended April 23	298.7	278.3	I 7.3
Week ended April 30	<u>19.4</u>	<u>18.0</u>	<u>I 8.0</u>

17 Weeks cumulative	318.1	296.3	I 7.4
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WASHINGTON, May 12, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 7 totaled 19.3 billion ton-miles, up 8.9 percent from the 17.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 337.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended May 7 totaled 432,086, up 7.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 1.2 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.4 percent in the East, and 12.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 8,302 cars (7.5 percent), grain showed a gain of 7,460 cars (30.6 percent), and metallic ores increased by 2,642 cars (14.7 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended April 30 totaled 111,494 trailers and/or containers, up 7.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 1,825,552 trailers and/or containers, up 5.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/7/88:

	Loadings in Week ended May 7, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,800	I		7,460	30.6	I	29 0.09
Other farm products	3,488	D		297	7.8	I	223 6.8
Metallic ores	20,580	I		2,642	14.7	I	788 4.0
Coal	118,370	I		8,302	7.5	D	3,368 2.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,106	I		1,633	9.9	I	1,167 6.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,693	I		29	0.3	D	489 4.4
Grain mill products	10,864	D		49	0.4	D	267 2.4
Food and kindred products	11,175	I		247	2.3	I	233 2.1
Primary forest products	9,865	D		1,299	11.6	I	126 1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,484	D		755	9.2	D	1,619 17.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,432	D		45	0.4	D	214 1.7
Chemicals and allied products	28,509	I		2,029	7.7	I	1,211 4.4
Petroleum products	5,200	I		440	9.2	D	142 2.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,379	I		198	1.8	I	26 0.2
Coke	5,742	I		654	12.9	D	515 8.2
Metals and products	11,086	I		2,057	22.8	D	775 6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,586	I		1,838	8.9	I	258 1.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,313	I		1,097	13.4	D	1,068 10.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,552	D		123	4.6	D	174 6.4
All other carloads	<u>80,862</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>2,776</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>722 0.9</u>
Total Cars Loaded	432,086	I		28,814	7.1	D	5,292 1.2
Corresponding week of 1987	403,272						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks)	7,527,712	7,065,345	I 6.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
17 weeks ended April 30	318.1	296.3	I 7.4
Week ended May 7	<u>19.3</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>I 8.9</u>
18 Weeks cumulative	337.4	313.9	I 7.5

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WASHINGTON, May 19, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 14 totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 7.6 percent from the 18.0 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 356.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended May 14 totaled 432,891, up 6.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 0.2 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.8 percent in the East, and 11.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 6,199 cars (23.2 percent), metallic ores increased by 5,650 cars (37.2 percent) and coal loadings were up by 3,358 cars (2.9 percent). Ten of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended May 7 totaled 110,471 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 1,936,023 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/14/88:

	Loadings in Week ended May 14, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,955	I		6,199	23.2	I	1,155 3.6
Other farm products	3,470	D		527	13.2	D	18 0.5
Metallic ores	20,841	I		5,650	37.2	I	261 1.3
Coal	118,561	I		3,358	2.9	I	191 0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,243	I		2,862	17.5	I	1,137 6.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,968	D		513	4.5	I	275 2.6
Grain mill products	10,697	D		342	3.1	D	167 1.5
Food and kindred products	11,051	I		160	1.5	D	124 1.1
Primary forest products	9,909	D		1,013	9.3	I	44 0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,898	D		561	6.6	I	414 5.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,220	I		58	0.5	D	212 1.7
Chemicals and allied products	27,182	I		1,178	4.5	D	1,327 4.7
Petroleum products	5,173	I		183	3.7	D	27 0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,777	I		307	2.7	I	398 3.5
Coke	6,011	I		1,008	20.1	I	269 4.7
Metals and products	10,092	I		858	9.3	D	994 9.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,338	I		1,589	7.7	D	248 1.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,895	I		1,164	13.3	I	582 6.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,437	D		237	8.9	D	115 5.1
All other carloads	80,173	I		4,468	5.9	D	689 0.9
Total Cars Loaded	432,891	I		25,849	6.4	I	805 0.2

Corresponding week of 1987 407,042

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks)	7,960,603	7,472,387	I 6.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
8 weeks ended May 7	337.4	313.9	I 7.5
Week ended May 14	19.4	18.0	I 7.6
19 Weeks cumulative	356.8	331.9	I 7.5

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WASHINGTON, May 26, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 21 totaled 19.1 billion ton-miles, up 5.3 percent from the 18.1 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 375.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended May 21 totaled 428,087, up 3.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 0.1 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.0 percent in the East, and 6.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,252 cars (15.9 percent), motor vehicles and equipment increased by 3,041 cars (14.9 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand loadings were up by 2,011 cars (12.3 percent). Ten of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended May 14 totaled 110,676 trailers and/or containers, up 8.2 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 2,046,699 trailers and/or containers, up 5.4 percent from 1987.

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/21/88:

	Loadings in Week ended May 21, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,061	I	4,252	15.9	D	1,900	5.8
Other farm products	3,568	D	774	17.8	I	98	2.8
Metallic ores	19,164	D	223	1.2	D	1,677	8.0
Coal	115,653	I	797	0.7	D	2,915	2.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,355	I	2,011	12.3	D	868	4.5
Nonmetallic minerals	11,606	I	918	8.6	I	637	5.8
Grain mill products	11,108	D	180	1.6	I	409	3.8
Food and kindred products	10,953	D	26	0.2	D	91	0.8
Primary forest products	10,214	D	844	7.6	I	297	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,100	D	547	6.3	I	224	2.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,265	D	259	2.1	D	34	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	27,285	I	1,174	4.5	I	149	0.5
Petroleum products	5,172	I	284	5.8	D	1	0.02
Stone, clay and glass products	11,752	I	512	4.6	D	14	0.1
Coke	5,419	I	383	7.6	D	592	9.8
Metals and products	10,336	I	1,093	11.8	I	251	2.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,426	I	3,041	14.9	I	1,093	4.9
Waste and scrap materials	10,213	I	1,539	17.7	I	334	3.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,601	D	114	4.2	I	164	6.7
All other carloads	79,836	I	765	1.0	D	335	0.4
Total Cars Loaded	428,087	I	13,802	3.3	D	4,771	0.1

Corresponding week of 1987 414,285

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks)	8,388,657	7,886,672	I 6.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
19 weeks ended May 14	356.8	331.9	I 7.5
Week ended May 21	<u>19.1</u>	<u>18.1</u>	<u>I 5.3</u>
20 Weeks cumulative	375.8	350.0	I 7.4



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WASHINGTON, June 2, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 28 totaled 19.6 billion ton-miles, up 20.0 percent from the 16.3 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, which included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 395.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended May 28 totaled 436,206, up 18.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.9 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 17.8 percent in the East, and 19.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 19 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal showed a gain of 17,971 cars (17.6 percent), grain increased by 6,841 cars (27.5 percent) and crushed stone, gravel and sand loadings were up by 5,283 cars (39.2 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended May 21 totaled 110,262 trailers and/or containers, up 2.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 2,156,961 trailers and/or containers, up 5.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/28/88:

	Loadings in Week ended May 28, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,692	I		6,841	27.5	I	631 2.0
Other farm products	3,765	I		47	1.3	I	197 5.5
Metallic ores	19,635	I		2,858	17.0	I	471 2.5
Coal	120,307	I		17,971	17.6	I	4,654 4.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,768	I		5,283	39.2	I	413 2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,561	I		1,467	16.1	D	1,045 9.0
Grain mill products	11,261	I		1,251	12.5	I	153 1.4
Food and kindred products	11,340	I		1,415	14.3	I	387 3.5
Primary forest products	10,157	I		385	3.9	D	57 0.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,567	I		555	6.9	I	467 5.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,648	D		485	3.7	I	383 3.1
Chemicals and allied products	26,597	I		2,202	9.0	D	688 2.5
Petroleum products	5,139	I		781	17.9	D	33 0.6
Stone, clay and glass products	11,933	I		2,022	20.4	I	181 1.5
Coke	5,333	I		552	11.5	D	86 1.6
Metals and products	11,444	I		2,729	31.3	I	1,108 10.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,127	I		5,054	29.6	D	1,299 5.5
Waste and scrap materials	9,867	I		2,486	33.7	D	346 3.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,595	I		403	18.4	D	6 0.2
All other carloads	<u>82,470</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>14,596</u>	<u>21.5</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>2,634 3.3</u>
Total Cars Loaded	436,206	I		68,413	18.6	I	8,119 1.9

Corresponding week of 1987 367,793

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks)	8,824,863	8,254,465	I 6.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
20 weeks ended May 21	375.8	350.0	I 7.4
Week ended May 28	<u>19.6</u>	<u>16.3</u>	<u>I 20.0</u>
21 Weeks cumulative	395.4	366.4	I 7.9

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WASHINGTON, June 9, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 4 -- which included the Memorial Day holiday -- totaled 17.2 billion ton-miles, down 8.4 percent from the 18.7 billion carried in the non-holiday comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 412.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended June 4 totaled 381,356, down 10.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 12.6 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 14.6 percent in the East, and 5.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Coal showed a loss of 19,000 cars (15.2 percent), grain decreased by 2,642 cars (8.9 percent) and primary forest products were down by 2,461 cars (22.3 percent). Eighteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the non-holiday week ended May 28 totaled 110,969 trailers and/or containers, up 21.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987, which included the Memorial Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 2,267,930 trailers and/or containers, up 5.9 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/4/88:

	Loadings in Week ended June 4, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	26,905	D		2,642	8.9	D	4,700	14.9
Other farm products	3,518	D		692	16.4	D	245	6.5
Metallic ores	18,764	I		247	1.3	D	871	4.4
Coal	106,125	D		19,000	15.2	D	14,182	11.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,854	D		640	3.9	D	2,912	15.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,798	D		452	4.4	D	763	7.2
Grain mill products	9,629	D		1,324	12.1	D	1,632	14.5
Food and kindred products	9,746	D		1,343	12.1	D	1,599	14.1
Primary forest products	8,588	D		2,461	22.3	D	1,569	15.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,829	D		1,490	17.9	D	1,737	20.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,755	D		137	1.1	I	103	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,952	D		2,163	8.3	D	2,650	10.0
Petroleum products	4,763	D		9	0.2	D	376	7.3
Stone, clay and glass products	9,986	D		1,682	14.4	D	1,947	16.3
Coke	5,429	I		367	7.3	I	94	1.8
Metals and products	10,340	I		1,400	15.7	D	1,091	9.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,906	D		1,721	8.3	D	3,220	14.6
Waste and scrap materials	8,094	D		584	6.7	D	1,778	18.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,186	D		577	20.9	D	409	15.8
All other carloads	69,189	D		8,620	11.1	D	13,274	16.1
Total Cars Loaded	381,356	D		43,523	10.2	D	54,758	12.6
Corresponding week of 1987	424,879							

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	9,206,127	8,679,344	I 6.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
21 weeks ended May 28	395.4	366.4	I 7.9
Week ended June 4	<u>17.2</u>	<u>18.7</u>	D 8.4
22 Weeks cumulative	412.6	385.1	I 7.1

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WASHINGTON, June 16, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 11 totaled 19.5 billion ton-miles, up 5.2 percent from the 18.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 437.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended June 11 totaled 435,648, up 2.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 14.2 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 0.7 percent in the East, and 5.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,147 cars (22.9 percent), crushed stone, gravel and sand loadings were up 3,110 cars (19.5 percent), and coke showed a gain of 1,266 cars (27.9 percent). Nineteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the holiday week ended June 4 totaled 100,671 trailers and/or containers, down 6.6 percent from the comparable non-holiday week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 2,369,579 trailers and/or containers, up 5.4 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/11/88:

	Loadings in Week ended June 11, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,879	D	429	1.3	I	5,975	22.2
Other farm products	3,992	D	624	13.5	I	473	13.4
Metallic ores	22,252	I	4,147	22.9	I	3,488	18.6
Coal	117,846	D	1,875	1.6	I	11,721	11.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,044	I	3,110	19.5	I	3,190	20.1
Nonmetallic minerals	10,550	I	519	5.2	I	752	7.7
Grain mill products	11,002	D	368	3.2	I	1,373	14.3
Food and kindred products	10,971	I	332	3.1	I	1,225	12.6
Primary forest products	10,030	D	757	7.0	I	1,442	16.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,931	D	706	8.2	I	1,102	16.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,323	I	120	1.0	D	432	3.4
Chemicals and allied products	26,956	I	551	2.1	I	3,004	12.5
Petroleum products	5,289	I	263	5.2	I	526	11.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,542	I	323	2.9	I	1,556	15.6
Coke	5,797	I	1,266	27.9	I	368	6.8
Metals and products	10,419	I	1,630	18.5	I	79	0.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,555	I	1,148	5.4	I	3,649	19.3
Waste and scrap materials	9,771	I	747	8.3	I	1,677	20.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,439	D	335	12.1	I	253	11.6
All other carloads	82,060	I	2,761	3.5	I	12,871	18.6
Total Cars Loaded	435,648	I	11,823	2.8	I	54,292	14.2

Corresponding week of 1987 423,825

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	9,661,981	9,109,281	I 6.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
22 weeks ended June 4	418.2 r	385.1	I 8.6
Week ended June 11	<u>19.5</u>	<u>18.5</u>	<u>I 5.2</u>
23 Weeks cumulative	437.7	403.6	I 8.4

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WASHINGTON, June 23, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 18 totaled 19.2 billion ton-miles, up 4.9 percent from the 18.3 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 456.9 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended June 18 totaled 435,277, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 1.2 percent in the East, and up 6.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were up 4,441 cars (31.0 percent); motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,252 cars (11.2 percent); and metals and products showed a gain of 1,212 cars (13.4 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended June 11 totaled 111,908 trailers and/or containers, up 3.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 2,481,487 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/18/88:

	Loadings in Week ended June 18, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	33,557	D	52	0.2	I	678	2.1
Other farm products	3,722	D	2,795	42.9	D	270	6.8
Metallic ores	20,167	I	1,781	9.7	D	2,085	9.4
Coal	118,743	D	2,631	2.2	I	897	0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,755	I	4,441	31.0	D	289	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	10,029	I	573	6.1	D	551	4.9
Grain mill products	10,936	D	115	1.0	D	66	0.6
Food and kindred products	11,004	I	177	1.6	I	33	0.3
Primary forest products	10,248	D	547	5.1	I	218	2.2
Lumber and wood products							
except furniture	8,180	D	525	6.0	I	249	3.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,394	D	205	1.6	I	71	0.6
Chemicals and allied products	27,437	I	1,466	5.6	I	481	1.8
Petroleum products	5,370	I	308	6.1	I	81	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,715	I	1,060	9.9	I	173	1.5
Coke	5,701	I	48	0.8	D	96	1.7
Metals and products	10,239	I	1,212	13.4	D	180	1.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,290	I	2,252	11.2	D	265	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,723	I	743	8.3	D	48	0.5
Forwarder and shipper							
association traffic	2,492	D	58	2.3	I	53	2.2
All other carloads	82,575	I	3,256	4.1	I	515	0.6
Total Cars Loaded	435,277	I	10,389	2.4	D	371	0.1

Corresponding week of 1987 424,888 r

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	10,112,138	9,537,308	I 6.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
23 weeks ended June 11	437.7	403.6	I 8.4
Week ended June 18	<u>19.2</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>I 4.9</u>
24 Weeks cumulative	456.9	421.9	I 8.3

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WASHINGTON, June 30, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 25 totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the 18.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 476.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended June 25 totaled 438,668, up 3.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 0.1 percent in the East, and up 7.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 5,679 cars (35.4 percent); motor vehicles and equipment were up 4,280 cars (24.0 percent); and metals and products showed a gain of 1,509 cars (16.8 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended June 18 totaled 112,273 trailers and/or containers, up 5.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,593,760 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/25/88:

	Loadings in Week ended June 25, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	34,550	D		138	0.4	I	993 3.0
Other farm products	3,757	D		626	14.3	I	35 0.9
Metallic ores	21,717	I		5,679	35.4	I	1,550 7.7
Coal	119,677	D		917	0.8	I	934 0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,551	I		2,443	14.3	I	796 4.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,818	D		214	2.1	D	211 2.1
Grain mill products	10,298	D		530	4.9	D	638 5.8
Food and kindred products	11,010	I		347	3.3	I	6 0.1
Primary forest products	9,665	D		980	9.2	D	583 5.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,112	D		1,140	12.3	D	68 0.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,635	D		371	2.9	I	241 1.9
Chemicals and allied products	26,884	I		771	3.0	D	429 1.6
Petroleum products	5,647	I		665	13.3	I	277 5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,606	I		959	9.0	D	109 0.9
Coke	5,733	I		154	2.8	I	32 0.6
Metals and products	10,502	I		1,509	16.8	I	263 2.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,120	I		4,280	24.0	D	170 0.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,007	I		626	7.5	D	716 7.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,444	D		327	11.8	D	48 1.9
All other carloads	83,935	I		1,912	2.3	I	1,360 1.6
Total Cars Loaded	438,668	I		14,102	3.3	I	3,515 0.8

Corresponding week of 1987 424,566

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	10,550,682	9,961,874 r	I 5.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 weeks ended June 18	456.9	421.9	I 8.3
Week ended June 25	<u>19.4</u>	<u>18.6</u>	<u>I 4.3</u>
25 Weeks cumulative	476.3	440.5	I 8.1

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WASHINGTON, July 8, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 2 totaled 19.7 billion ton-miles, up 19.1 percent from the 16.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, which included the Independence Day holiday. Both weeks included the annual coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 496.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 2 totaled 418,891, up 18.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 4.5 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 20.7 percent in the East, and up 16.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 18 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of coal were up 18,200 cars (21.9 percent); motor vehicles and equipment were up 7,456 cars (58.5 percent); and grain was up 1,919 cars (6.5 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended June 25 totaled 114,082 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,707,842 trailers and/or containers, up 5.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/2/88:

	Loadings in Week ended July 2, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	31,539	I		1,919	6.5	D	3,011	8.7
Other farm products	3,740	D		393	9.5	D	17	0.5
Metallic ores	21,718	I		4,087	23.2	I	1	0.005
Coal	101,461	I		18,200	21.9	D	18,216	15.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,076	I		3,837	26.9	D	1,475	7.5
Nonmetallic minerals	10,613	I		2,415	29.5	I	795	8.1
Grain mill products	10,822	I		1,498	16.1	I	524	5.1
Food and kindred products	11,476	I		1,787	18.4	I	466	4.2
Primary forest products	9,633	I		312	3.3	D	32	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,090	I		642	8.6	D	22	0.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,692	I		711	5.9	I	57	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	27,461	I		3,393	14.1	I	577	2.1
Petroleum products	5,556	I		1,108	24.9	D	91	1.6
Stone, clay and glass products	11,820	I		1,782	17.8	I	214	1.8
Coke	5,409	I		329	6.5	D	324	5.7
Metals and products	10,793	I		1,566	17.0	I	291	2.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,206	I		7,456	58.5	D	1,914	8.7
Waste and scrap materials	9,046	I		1,901	26.6	I	39	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,634	D		194	6.9	I	190	7.7
All other carloads	86,106	I		13,197	18.1	I	2,171	2.6
Total Cars Loaded	418,891	I		65,553	18.6	D	19,777	4.5

Corresponding week of 1987 353,338

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	10,969,573	10,315,212	I 6.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
25 weeks ended June 25	476.3	440.5	I 8.1
Week ended July 2	<u>19.7</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>I 19.1</u>
26 Weeks cumulative	496.0	457.0	I 8.5

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WASHINGTON, July 14, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 9, which included the Independence Day holiday, totaled 16.3 billion ton-miles, down 2.2 percent from the 16.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987. Both weeks included the annual coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 512.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 9 totaled 348,931, down 3.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 16.7 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 9.1 percent in the East, but up 1.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 16 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of coal were down 3,515 cars (4.1 percent); primary forest products were down 3,205 cars (30.5 percent); and grain was down 2,389 cars (7.4 percent). Eighteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended July 2 totaled 116,858 trailers and/or containers, up 17.4 percent from the comparable week of 1987, which included the Independence Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,824,700 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/9/88:

	Loadings in Week ended July 9, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	29,690	D		2,389	7.4	D	1,849	5.9
Other farm products	3,260	D		446	12.0	D	480	12.9
Metallic ores	22,360	I		7,065	46.2	I	642	3.0
Coal	82,268	D		3,515	4.1	D	19,193	18.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,895	D		204	1.3	D	2,181	12.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,738	I		302	3.2	D	875	8.2
Grain mill products	9,057	D		1,383	13.2	D	1,765	16.3
Food and kindred products	8,858	D		1,189	11.8	D	2,618	22.8
Primary forest products	7,316	D		3,205	30.5	D	2,317	24.1
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	5,467	D		1,950	26.3	D	2,623	32.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,486	D		1,157	9.2	D	1,206	9.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,568	D		599	2.4	D	2,893	10.5
Petroleum products	4,754	D		467	8.9	D	802	14.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,039	D		749	6.9	D	1,781	15.1
Coke	5,761	I		506	9.6	I	352	6.5
Metals and products	8,422	D		137	1.6	D	2,371	22.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,715	I		1,155	10.0	D	7,491	37.1
Waste and scrap materials	7,184	D		784	9.8	D	1,862	20.6
Forwarder and shipper								
association traffic	2,001	D		749	27.2	D	633	24.0
All other carloads	<u>68,092</u>	<u>D</u>		<u>3,248</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>18,014</u>	<u>20.9</u>
Total Cars Loaded	348,931	D		13,143	3.6	D	69,960	16.7
Corresponding week of 1987	362,074							

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	11,318,504	10,677,286	I 6.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 weeks ended July 2	496.0	457.0	I 8.5
Week ended July 9	<u>16.3</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>D 2.2</u>
27 Weeks cumulative	512.3	473.7	I 8.1

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WASHINGTON, July 21, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 16, totaled 18.6 billion ton-miles, up 4.4 percent from the 17.8 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 530.9 billion ton-miles carried, up 8.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 16 totaled 410,842, up 2.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 17.7 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the East, and 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 6,314 cars (40.9 percent); coal increased by 2,848 cars (2.6 percent), while grain loadings were off 4,639 cars (13.5 percent). Eighteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended July 9, which included the Independence Day holiday, totaled 94,207 trailers and/or containers, down 3.1 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,918,464 trailers and/or containers, up 5.3 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/16/88:

	Loadings in Week ended July 16, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,843	D	4,639	13.5	I	153	0.4
Other farm products	3,476	D	59	1.7	I	216	6.6
Metallic ores	21,765	I	6,314	40.9	D	595	2.7
Coal	114,422	I	2,848	2.6	I	32,154	39.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,322	I	1,146	6.7	I	2,427	15.3
Nonmetallic minerals	10,413	I	1,924	22.7	I	675	6.9
Grain mill products	10,525	D	182	1.7	I	1,468	16.2
Food and kindred products	10,643	I	86	0.8	I	1,785	20.2
Primary forest products	9,875	D	1,020	9.4	I	2,559	35.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,062	D	1,171	14.2	I	1,595	29.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,832	I	116	1.0	I	346	3.0
Chemicals and allied products	26,897	I	2,150	8.7	I	2,329	9.5
Petroleum products	5,208	I	53	1.0	I	454	9.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,746	I	567	5.1	I	1,707	17.0
Coke	5,955	I	988	19.9	I	194	3.4
Metals and products	10,614	I	1,407	15.3	I	2,192	26.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,456	D	2,094	14.4	D	259	2.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,279	I	585	6.7	I	2,095	29.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,326	D	517	18.2	I	325	16.2
All other carloads	78,183	I	904	1.2	I	10,091	14.8
Total Cars Loaded	410,842	I	9,406	2.3	I	61,911	17.7
Corresponding week of 1987	401,436						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	11,729,346	11,078,722	I 5.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
27 weeks ended July 9	512.3	473.7	I 8.1
Week ended July 16	<u>18.6</u>	<u>17.8</u>	D <u>4.4</u>
28 Weeks cumulative	530.9	491.5	I 8.0

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WASHINGTON, July 28, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 23, totaled 19.1 billion ton-miles, up 4.6 percent from the 18.3 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 550.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 23 totaled 424,221, up 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.6 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 0.1 percent in the East, and 7.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 5,149 cars (30.0 percent); coal increased by 2,500 cars (2.1 percent); and non-metallic minerals were up by 2,288 cars (28.8 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended July 16 totaled 110,766 trailers and/or containers, up 6.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 3,029,230 trailers and/or containers, up 5.4 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/23/88:

	Loadings in Week ended July 23, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,548	D		1,041	3.3	I	556 1.9
Other farm products	3,283	D		37	1.1	D	254 7.2
Metallic ores	22,337	I		5,149	30.0	I	440 2.0
Coal	119,758	I		2,500	2.1	I	4,286 3.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,677	I		1,266	7.3	I	69 0.4
Nonmetallic minerals	10,238	I		2,288	28.8	I	70 0.7
Grain mill products	10,569	D		164	1.5	D	44 0.4
Food and kindred products	11,295	I		291	2.6	I	13 0.1
Primary forest products	9,889	D		1,167	10.6	D	139 1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,258	D		953	11.6	D	114 1.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,976	D		85	0.7	I	123 1.0
Chemicals and allied products	26,246	I		557	2.2	D	1,152 4.2
Petroleum products	5,174	D		59	1.1	D	169 3.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,596	I		209	1.8	D	413 3.4
Coke	5,726	I		251	4.6	D	256 4.3
Metals and products	10,426	I		1,216	13.2	D	156 1.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,150	D		832	5.6	I	1,045 8.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,538	I		969	11.3	I	8 0.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,373	D		242	9.3	I	47 2.0
All other carloads	83,164	I		3,989	5.0	I	2,575 3.2
Total Cars Loaded	424,221	I		14,105	3.4	I	6,535 1.6
Corresponding week of 1987	410,116						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	12,160,411	11,488,838	I 5.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
28 weeks ended July 16	530.9	491.5	I 8.0
Week ended July 23	<u>19.1</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>I 4.6</u>
29 Weeks cumulative	550.0	509.8	I 7.9

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WASHINGTON, August 4, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 30, totaled 19.5 billion ton-miles, up 5.9 percent from the 18.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 569.5 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 30 totaled 434,065, up 5.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.3 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.3 percent in the East, and 7.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,957 cars (31.2 percent); coal increased by 7,557 cars (6.4 percent); but grain was down 2,248 cars (7.3 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended July 23 totaled 111,191 trailers and/or containers, up 6.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 3,140,421 trailers and/or containers, up 5.4 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/30/88:

	Loadings in Week ended July 30, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,629	D	2,248	7.3	D	1,919	6.3
Other farm products	2,486	D	808	24.5	D	797	24.3
Metallic ores	20,842	I	4,957	31.2	D	1,495	6.7
Coal	126,128	I	7,557	6.4	I	6,370	5.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,240	I	1,917	11.1	I	563	3.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,459	I	781	7.3	I	1,221	11.9
Grain mill products	10,764	I	294	2.8	I	195	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,510	D	43	0.4	I	215	1.9
Primary forest products	9,581	D	1,285	11.8	D	308	3.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,922	D	1,021	11.4	I	664	9.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,296	D	711	5.5	I	320	2.7
Chemicals and allied products	27,243	I	2,048	8.1	I	997	3.8
Petroleum products	4,884	D	285	5.5	D	290	5.6
Stone, clay and glass products	11,723	I	142	1.2	I	127	1.1
Coke	6,350	I	1,181	22.8	I	624	10.9
Metals and products	11,068	I	1,518	15.9	I	642	6.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,234	I	1,246	8.9	I	1,084	7.7
Waste and scrap materials	9,957	I	1,430	16.8	I	419	4.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,672	D	305	10.2	I	299	12.6
All other carloads	84,077	I	4,280	5.4	I	913	1.1
Total Cars Loaded	434,065	I	20,645	5.0	I	9,844	2.3
Corresponding week of 1987	413,420						

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	12,594,476	11,902,258	I 5.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
29 weeks ended July 23	550.0	509.8	I 7.9
Week ended July 30	<u>19.5</u>	<u>18.4</u>	I <u>5.9</u>
30 Weeks cumulative	569.5	528.2	I 7.8

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WASHINGTON, August 12, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 6, totaled 19.3 billion ton-miles, up 5.5 percent from the 18.3 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 588.7 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 6 totaled 425,785, up 5.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.9 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.4 percent in the East, and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 6,085 cars (45.7 percent); coal increased by 6,860 cars (5.8 percent); but grain was down 538 cars (1.8 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended July 30 totaled 113,119 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 3,253,540 trailers and/or containers, up 5.4 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/6/88:

	Loadings in Week ended August 6, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	29,203	D		538	1.8	I	574 2.0
Other farm products	2,452	D		365	13.0	D	34 1.4
Metallic ores	19,393	I		6,085	45.7	D	1,449 7.0
Coal	124,460	I		6,860	5.8	D	1,668 1.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,882	I		712	3.9	D	358 1.9
Nonmetallic minerals	10,953	I		752	7.4	D	506 4.4
Grain mill products	10,498	I		34	0.3	D	266 2.5
Food and kindred products	10,986	D		9	0.1	D	524 4.6
Primary forest products	9,538	D		935	8.9	D	43 0.4
Lumber and wood products							
except furniture	6,473	D		1,219	15.8	D	1,449 18.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,008	D		410	3.3	D	288 2.3
Chemicals and allied products	27,605	I		1,610	6.2	I	362 1.3
Petroleum products	5,506	I		617	12.6	I	622 12.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,446	I		52	0.5	D	277 2.4
Coke	6,027	I		1,011	20.2	D	323 5.1
Metals and products	10,346	I		971	10.4	D	722 6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,439	I		944	6.5	I	205 1.3
Waste and scrap materials	9,545	I		942	10.9	D	412 4.1
Forwarder and shipper							
association traffic	2,548	D		523	17.0	D	124 4.6
All other carloads	82,477	I		3,494	4.4	D	1,600 1.9
Total Cars Loaded	425,785	I		20,085	5.0	D	8,280 1.9

Corresponding week of 1987 405,700

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	13,020,261	12,307,958	I 5.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

30 weeks ended July 30	569.5	528.2	I 7.8
Week ended August 6	<u>19.3</u>	<u>18.3</u>	<u>I 5.5</u>
31 Weeks cumulative	588.7	546.4	I 7.7

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WASHINGTON, August 18, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 13, totaled 19.4 billion ton-miles, up 2.2 percent from the 19.0 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 608.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 13 totaled 430,222, up 1.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 0.8 percent in the East, but up 4.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,142 cars (25.2 percent); coal increased by 1,825 cars (1.4 percent); but grain was down 2,594 cars (8.7 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended August 6 totaled 113,024 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 3,366,388 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/13/88:

	Loadings in Week ended August 13, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,087	D	2,594	8.7	D	2,116	7.2
Other farm products	2,548	D	154	5.7	I	96	3.9
Metallic ores	20,584	I	4,142	25.2	I	1,191	6.1
Coal	128,781	I	1,825	1.4	I	4,321	3.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,011	I	54	0.3	I	129	0.7
Nonmetallic minerals	10,954	I	997	10.0	I	1	0.009
Grain mill products	10,224	D	579	5.4	D	274	2.6
Food and kindred products	10,925	D	145	1.3	D	61	0.6
Primary forest products	9,833	D	773	7.3	I	295	3.1
Lumber and wood products							
except furniture	6,726	D	1,251	15.7	I	253	3.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,060	D	227	1.8	I	52	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	27,657	I	852	3.2	I	52	0.2
Petroleum products	5,500	I	129	2.4	D	6	0.1
Stone, clay and glass products	11,356	I	156	1.4	D	90	0.8
Coke	5,678	I	524	10.2	D	349	5.8
Metals and products	9,567	I	65	0.7	D	779	7.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,133	I	762	5.0	I	694	4.5
Waste and scrap materials	9,989	I	1,045	11.7	I	444	4.7
Forwarder and shipper							
association traffic	2,399	D	595	19.9	D	149	5.8
All other carloads	83,210	I	3,043	3.8	I	733	0.9
Total Cars Loaded	430,222	I	7,276	1.7	I	4,437	1.0

Corresponding week of 1987 422,946

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks)	13,450,483	12,730,904	I 5.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
31 weeks ended August 6	588.7	546.4	I 7.7
Week ended August 13	19.4	19.0	I 2.2
32 Weeks cumulative	608.2	565.5	I 7.6

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WASHINGTON, August 25, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 20, totaled 19.9 billion ton-miles, up 3.5 percent from the 19.2 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 628.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 20 totaled 442,169 -- highest since the week ended October 31, 1987 -- up 3.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.8 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 0.1 percent in the East, but up 6.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 3,007 cars (19.3 percent); metallic ores increased by 2,941 cars (15.9 percent); but grain was down 3,881 cars (12.2 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended August 13 totaled 112,959 trailers and/or containers, up 7.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 3,479,347 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/20/88:

	Loadings in Week ended August 20, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	27,926	D		3,881	12.2	I	839 3.1
Other farm products	2,379	D		24	1.0	D	169 6.6
Metallic ores	21,490	I		2,941	15.9	I	906 4.4
Coal	132,708	I		1,496	1.1	I	3,927 3.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,387	I		1,640	9.2	I	376 2.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,078	I		1,277	13.0	I	124 1.1
Grain mill products	10,095	D		641	6.0	D	129 1.3
Food and kindred products	11,185	I		51	0.5	I	260 2.4
Primary forest products	9,750	D		1,052	9.7	D	83 0.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,037	D		1,379	16.4	I	311 4.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,913	D		100	0.8	D	147 1.2
Chemicals and allied products	28,309	I		2,315	8.9	I	652 2.4
Petroleum products	5,702	I		798	16.3	I	202 3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	11,430	D		97	0.8	I	- 74 0.7
Coke	5,988	I		981	19.6	I	310 5.5
Metals and products	10,075	I		462	4.8	I	508 5.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,559	I		3,007	19.3	I	2,426 15.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,756	I		757	8.4	D	233 2.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,349	D		756	24.3	D	50 2.1
All other carloads	85,053	I		5,041	6.3	I	1,843 2.2
Total Cars Loaded	442,169	I		12,836	3.0	I	11,947 2.8

Corresponding week of 1987 429,333

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	13,892,652	13,160,237	I 5.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

32 weeks ended August 13	608.2	565.5	I 7.6
Week ended August 20	<u>19.9</u>	- <u>19.2</u>	I <u>3.5</u>

33 Weeks cumulative	628.1	584.7	I 7.4
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WASHINGTON, September 1, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 27, totaled 19.7 billion ton-miles, up 1.8 percent from the 19.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 647.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended August 27 totaled 438,851, up 1.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.8 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.4 percent in the East, and 1.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,319 cars (13.7 percent); coal increased by 3,446 cars (2.7 percent); but grain was down 5,715 cars (18.5 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended August 20 totaled 115,862 trailers and/or containers, up 9.3 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 3,595,209 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/1/88:

	Loadings in Week ended August 27, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	25,230	D		5,715	18.5	D	2,696	9.7
Other farm products	2,251	D		431	16.1	D	128	5.4
Metallic ores	17,397	D		865	4.7	D	4,093	19.0
Coal	132,743	I		3,446	2.7	I	35	0.03
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,520	I		1,395	7.7	I	133	0.7
Nonmetallic minerals	11,206	I		1,145	11.4	I	128	1.2
Grain mill products	10,973	I		579	5.6	I	878	8.7
Food and kindred products	11,196	D		51	0.5	I	11	0.1
Primary forest products	9,871	D		827	7.7	I	121	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,333	D		1,489	16.9	I	296	4.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,247	D		381	3.0	I	334	2.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,720	I		1,939	7.5	D	589	2.1
Petroleum products	5,463	I		490	9.9	D	239	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,144	D		194	1.7	D	286	2.5
Coke	5,782	I		4	0.1	D	206	3.4
Metals and products	10,727	I		768	7.7	I	652	6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,227	I		2,319	13.7	I	668	3.6
Waste and scrap materials	9,856	I		680	7.4	I	100	1.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,343	D		896	27.7	D	6	0.3
All other carloads	<u>86,622</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>4,728</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1,569</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Total Cars Loaded	438,851	I		6,644	1.5	D	3,318	0.8
Corresponding week of 1987	432,207							

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks)	14,337,503	13,592,444	1 5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
33 weeks ended August 20	628.1	584.7	I 7.4
Week ended August 27	<u>19.7</u>	<u>19.4</u>	<u>I 1.8</u>
34 Weeks cumulative	647.8	604.1	1 7.2

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WASHINGTON, September 8, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 3, totaled 20.3 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the 19.8 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 668.1 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 3 totaled 449,978, highest since the week ended October 3, 1981. The total was up 2.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.5 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.6 percent in the East, and 2.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 5,614 cars (4.3 percent); loadings of metallic ores were up 1,513 cars (7.8 percent); but grain was down 5,996 cars (18.8 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended August 27 totaled 116,742 trailers and/or containers, up 6.2 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 3,711,951 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/3/88:

	Loadings in Week ended September 3, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,957	D		5,996	18.8	I	727	2.9
Other farm products	2,319	D		483	17.2	I	68	3.0
Metallic ores	20,791	I		1,513	7.8	I	3,394	19.5
Coal	134,865	I		5,614	4.3	I	2,122	1.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,200	I		1,446	8.1	D	320	1.6
Nonmetallic minerals	11,106	I		345	3.2	D	100	0.9
Grain mill products	11,731	I		726	6.6	I	758	6.9
Food and kindred products	11,209	I		362	3.3	I	13	0.1
Primary forest products	10,285	D		435	4.1	I	414	4.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,307	D		1,177	13.9	D	26	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,687	D		206	1.6	I	440	3.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,297	I		509	1.8	I	577	2.1
Petroleum products	5,230	D		126	2.4	D	233	4.3
Stone, clay and glass products	11,527	D		243	2.1	I	383	3.4
Coke	5,877	I		985	20.1	I	95	1.6
Metals and products	11,071	I		605	5.8	I	344	3.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,470	I		1,449	8.0	I	243	1.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,230	I		740	7.8	I	374	3.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,586	D		770	22.9	I	243	10.4
All other carloads	88,233	I		4,292	5.1	I	1,611	1.9
Total Cars Loaded	449,978	I		9,150	2.1	I	11,127	2.5

Corresponding week of 1987 440,828

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	14,781,481	14,033,272	I 5.3

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

34 weeks ended August 27	647.8	604.1	I 7.2
Week ended September 3	20.3	19.8	I 2.6
35 Weeks cumulative	668.1	623.8	I 7.1

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WASHINGTON, September 16, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 10, totaled 17.2 billion ton-miles, up 4.6 percent from the 16.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Labor Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 688.0 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 10 totaled 390,533, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 13.3 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.2 percent in the East, and 1.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 6,033 cars (5.3 percent); loadings of chemicals and allied products were up 1,286 cars (5.5 percent); but grain was down 4,321 cars (15.3 percent). Nineteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended September 3 totaled 119,054 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 3,831,005 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/10/88:

	Loadings in Week ended September 10, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,867	D		4,321	15.3	D	2,108	8.1
Other farm products	2,375	D		785	24.8	I	59	2.5
Metallic ores	18,481	I		829	4.7	D	2,313	11.1
Coal	120,327	I		6,033	5.3	D	14,911	11.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,612	I		1,077	7.4	D	3,613	18.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,526	I		63	0.7	D	1,620	14.5
Grain mill products	9,634	I		99	1.0	D	2,095	17.9
Food and kindred products	9,277	D		241	2.5	D	1,921	17.2
Primary forest products	8,440	D		460	5.2	D	1,846	17.9
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	5,666	D		1,194	17.4	D	1,642	22.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,970	I		266	2.3	D	717	5.7
Chemicals and allied products	24,798	I		1,286	5.5	D	3,434	12.2
Petroleum products	4,545	D		77	1.7	D	696	13.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,154	D		293	2.8	D	1,375	11.9
Coke	5,568	I		392	7.6	D	267	4.6
Metals and products	8,980	I		362	4.2	D	2,077	18.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,874	I		903	5.7	D	2,600	13.4
Waste and scrap materials	7,871	I		63	0.8	D	2,274	22.4
Forwarder and shipper								
association traffic	1,986	D		582	22.7	D	600	23.2
All other carloads	74,582	I		3,754	5.3	D	13,689	15.5
Total Cars Loaded	390,533	I		7,174	1.9	D	59,739	13.3

Corresponding week of 1987 383,359

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	15,172,308	14,416,631	I 5.2

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

35 weeks ended September 3	670.8r	623.8	I 7.5
Week ended September 10	17.2	16.4	I 4.6

36 Weeks cumulative 688.0 640.3 I 7.5

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WASHINGTON, September 22, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 17 totaled 19.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.5 percent from the 19.5 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 707.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 17 totaled 448,877, up 1.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 14.9 percent above the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 1.1 percent in the East, but up 3.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, nine of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores increased by 2,755 cars (15.2 percent); loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,399 cars (12.6 percent); but grain was down 2,418 cars (7.2 percent). All of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended September 10 totaled 97,123 trailers and/or containers, up 3.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987. Both weeks included the Labor Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 3,928,300 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/17/88:

	Loadings in Week ended September 17, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	31,264	D		2,418	7.2	I	7,397	31.0	
Other farm products	3,320	D		684	17.1	I	945	39.8	
Metallic ores	20,895	I		2,755	15.2	I	2,414	13.1	
Coal	128,302	I		22	0.0	I	7,975	6.6	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,545	I		1,391	7.7	I	3,933	25.2	
Nonmetallic minerals	10,816	-		0	0.0	I	1,290	13.5	
Grain mill products	11,112	D		205	1.8	I	1,478	15.3	
Food and kindred products	10,919	D		894	7.6	I	1,642	17.7	
Primary forest products	10,171	D		949	8.5	I	1,731	20.5	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,366	D		1,144	13.4	I	1,700	30.0	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,182	D		474	3.7	I	212	1.8	
Chemicals and allied products	28,106	I		482	1.7	I	3,308	13.3	
Petroleum products	5,276	I		462	9.6	I	731	16.1	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,416	D		604	5.0	I	1,262	12.4	
Coke	5,676	I		580	11.4	I	108	1.9	
Metals and products	10,368	I		418	4.2	I	1,388	15.3	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,470	I		2,399	12.6	I	4,596	27.2	
Waste and scrap materials	9,993	D		217	2.1	I	2,122	27.0	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,379	D		744	23.8	I	393	19.8	
All other carloads	<u>88,301</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>5,032</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>13,719</u>	<u>18.4</u>	
Total Cars Loaded	448,877	I		5,208	1.2	I	58,344	14.9	

Corresponding week of 1987 443,669

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	15,621,185	14,860,300	I 5.1

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

36 weeks ended September 10	688.0	640.3	I 7.5
Week ended September 17	<u>19.8</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>I 1.5</u>

37 Weeks cumulative	707.8	659.7	I 7.3
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WASHINGTON, September 29, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 24 totaled 19.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the 19.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 727.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 7.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended September 24 totaled 453,245, up 0.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 1.3 percent in the East, but up 1.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, eight of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,228 cars (11.3 percent); loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand increased by 1,580 cars (8.5 percent); but grain was down 4,414 cars (12.6 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended September 17 totaled 116,469 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 4,044,769 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/24/88:

	Loadings in Week ended September 24, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	30,502	D		4,414	12.6	D	762	2.4	
Other farm products	3,252	D		923	22.1	D	68	2.0	
Metallic ores	20,827	D		790	3.7	D	68	0.3	
Coal	129,435	I		820	0.6	I	1,118	0.9	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	20,145	I		1,580	8.5	I	594	3.0	
Nonmetallic minerals	11,120	I		514	4.8	I	304	2.9	
Grain mill products	11,103	D		203	1.8	D	9	0.1	
Food and kindred products	11,192	D		590	5.0	I	232	2.1	
Primary forest products	9,935	D		1,271	11.3	D	232	2.3	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,726	D		713	8.4	I	360	4.9	
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,975	D		456	3.7	D	309	2.5	
Chemicals and allied products	28,138	I		920	3.4	I	32	0.1	
Petroleum products	4,977	D		16	0.3	D	299	5.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,610	D		158	1.3	I	194	1.7	
Coke	5,650	I		579	11.4	D	26	0.5	
Metals and products	11,160	I		924	9.0	I	791	7.6	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,966	I		2,228	11.3	I	496	2.3	
Waste and scrap materials	9,690	D		143	1.5	D	303	3.0	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,420	D		672	21.7	I	60	2.5	
All other carloads	90,422	I		3,898	4.5	I	2,058	2.3	
Total Cars Loaded	453,245	I		1,114	0.2	I	4,163	0.9	
Corresponding week of 1987	452,131								

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks)	16,074,635	15,312,431	I	5.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

37 weeks ended September 17	707.8	659.7	I	7.3
Week ended September 24	<u>19.8</u>	<u>19.6</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1.1</u>
38 Weeks cumulative	727.6	679.3	I	7.1

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WASHINGTON, October 6, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 1 totaled 20.2 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the 19.9 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 747.8 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 1 totaled 461,666, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 2.3 percent in the East, but up 4.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, twelve of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,172 cars (10.5 percent); loadings of coal increased by 2,232 cars (1.7 percent); but grain was down 5,288 cars (15.1 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended September 24 totaled 121,770 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 4,166,539 trailers and/or containers, up 5.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/1/88:

	Loadings in Week ended October 1, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,833	D	5,288	15.1	D	669	2.2
Other farm products	3,488	D	459	11.6	I	236	7.3
Metallic ores	22,374	I	13	0.1	I	1,547	7.4
Coal	130,874	I	2,232	1.7	I	1,439	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,911	I	1,087	5.8	D	234	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,948	I	775	7.6	D	172	1.5
Grain mill products	11,019	D	441	3.8	D	84	0.8
Food and kindred products	11,596	D	440	3.7	I	404	3.6
Primary forest products	9,993	D	1,329	11.7	I	58	0.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,940	D	512	6.1	I	214	2.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,254	D	1,017	7.7	I	279	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	28,593	I	1,072	3.9	I	455	1.6
Petroleum products	5,036	I	632	14.4	I	59	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	12,119	I	247	2.1	I	509	4.4
Coke	5,899	I	511	9.5	I	249	4.4
Metals and products	11,132	I	77	0.7	D	28	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,918	I	2,172	10.5	I	952	4.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,032	I	248	2.5	I	342	3.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,645	D	695	20.8	I	225	9.3
All other carloads	93,062	I	6,307	7.3	I	2,640	2.9
Total Cars Loaded	461,666	I	5,192	1.1	I	8,421	1.9

Corresponding week of 1987 456,474

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	16,536,301	15,768,905	I 4.9

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

38 weeks ended September 24	727.6	679.3	I 7.1
Week ended October 1	<u>20.2</u>	<u>19.9</u>	<u>I 1.3</u>

39 Weeks cumulative	747.8	699.2	I 6.9
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WASHINGTON, October 13, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 8 totaled 19.7 billion ton-miles, up 0.3 percent from the 19.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 767.5 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 8 totaled 450,706, up 1.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 2.4 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 1.6 percent in the East, but up 3.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of chemical and allied products were up 2,654 cars (10.1 percent); coal loadings increased by 2,241 cars (1.8 percent); but grain was down 2,277 cars (6.7 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended October 1 totaled 127,276 trailers and/or containers, up 8.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 4,293,845 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/8/88:

	Loadings in Week ended October 8, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,739	D		2,277	6.7	I	1,224	4.0
Other farm products	3,982	D		855	17.7	I	490	14.0
Metallic ores	20,257	D		1,534	7.0	D	2,447	10.8
Coal	128,711	I		2,241	1.8	D	924	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,471	I		1,178	6.4	D	553	2.8
Nonmetallic minerals	11,233	I		1,439	14.7	I	144	1.3
Grain mill products	10,803	D		833	7.2	D	193	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,405	D		132	1.1	D	267	2.3
Primary forest products	9,441	D		1,372	12.7	D	604	6.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,638	D		1,126	14.5	D	1,232	15.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,657	D		569	4.7	D	683	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	28,836	I		2,654	10.1	I	556	2.0
Petroleum products	5,259	I		603	13.0	I	76	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,718	D		217	1.8	D	323	2.7
Coke	6,109	I		853	16.2	I	245	4.2
Metals and products	9,281	D		518	5.3	D	1,998	17.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,282	I		319	1.5	D	1,186	5.3
Waste and scrap materials	9,532	D		297	3.0	D	606	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,575	D		473	15.5	D	69	2.6
All other carloads	<u>90,777</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>5,317</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>2,875</u>	<u>3.1</u>
Total Cars Loaded	450,706	I		4,401	1.0	D	11,225	2.4
Corresponding week of 1987	446,305							

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	16,987,272	16,215,210	I	4.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
39 weeks ended October 1	747.8	699.3	I	6.9
Week ended October 8	<u>19.7</u>	<u>19.7</u>	I	0.3
40 Weeks cumulative	767.5	718.9	I	6.8

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WASHINGTON, October 20, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 15 totaled estimated 19.7 billion ton-miles, up 2.0 percent from the 19.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 787.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 15 totaled 450,255, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 0.1 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were down 0.7 percent in the East, but up 4.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of chemical and allied products were up 3,336 cars (12.8 percent); metallic ores increased by 1,847 cars (9.0 percent); but grain was down 2,734 cars (8.0 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended October 8 totaled 123,542 trailers and/or containers, up 6.1 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 4,417,387 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/15/88:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>October 15, 1988</u>			<u>Change from Corresponding Week 1987</u>			<u>Change from Preceding Week</u>		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	31,345	D		2,734	8.0	D	376	1.2	
Other farm products	4,029	D		692	14.7	I	46	1.2	
Metallic ores	22,410	I		1,847	9.0	I	2,153	10.6	
Coal	126,781	I		454	0.4	D	1,932	1.5	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,592	I		1,221	6.6	I	134	0.7	
Nonmetallic minerals	11,050	I		1,810	19.6	D	183	1.6	
Grain mill products	10,577	D		679	6.0	D	225	2.1	
Food and kindred products	11,744	I		490	4.4	I	332	2.9	
Primary forest products	10,133	D		651	6.0	I	665	7.1	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,218	D		626	8.0	I	567	8.5	
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,815	D		134	1.1	I	168	1.4	
Chemicals and allied products	29,356	I		3,336	12.8	I	519	1.8	
Petroleum products	4,916	I		33	0.7	D	343	6.5	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,474	D		400	3.4	D	233	2.0	
Coke	5,421	D		207	3.7	D	688	11.3	
Metals and products	10,092	D		71	0.7	I	841	9.1	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,603	I		258	1.2	I	321	1.5	
Waste and scrap materials	10,068	D		109	1.1	I	536	5.6	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,385	D		667	21.9	D	190	7.4	
All other carloads	<u>88,246</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>6,042</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>2,531</u>	<u>2.8</u>	
Total Cars Loaded	<u>450,255</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>8,521</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>0.1</u>	

Corresponding week of 1987 441,734

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	17,437,495	16,656,944	I 4.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

40 weeks ended October 8	767.5	718.9	I 6.8
Week ended October 15	<u>19.7</u>	<u>19.4</u>	<u>I 2.0</u>
41 Weeks cumulative	787.3	738.3	I 6.6



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WASHINGTON, October 27, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 22 totaled an estimated 20.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.7 percent from the 19.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 807.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 22 totaled 454,167, up 3.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 0.9 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.1 percent in the East, and up 4.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores increased by 5,325 cars (26.9 percent); and chemicals and allied products were up 3,537 cars (13.9 percent). Grain was down 1,678 cars (5.2 percent). Thirteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended October 15 totaled 121,041 trailers and/or containers, up 8.5 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 4,538,428 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/22/88:

	Loadings in Week ended October 22, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,713	D		1,678	5.2	D	632	2.0
Other farm products	4,168	D		333	7.4	I	139	3.5
Metallic ores	25,107	I		5,325	26.9	I	2,697	12.0
Coal	126,630	D		116	0.1	D	151	0.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,439	I		1,976	11.3	D	153	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	11,072	I		1,119	11.2	I	22	0.2
Grain mill products	10,949	D		272	2.4	I	372	3.5
Food and kindred products	11,932	I		256	2.2	I	188	1.6
Primary forest products	10,052	D		561	5.3	D	81	0.8
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	7,371	D		523	6.6	I	153	2.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,281	D		216	1.9	D	534	4.5
Chemicals and allied products	29,003	I		3,537	13.9	D	353	1.2
Petroleum products	5,215	I		249	5.0	I	299	6.1
Stone, clay and glass products	12,006	I		135	1.1	I	532	4.6
Coke	5,492	D		13	0.2	I	71	1.3
Metals and products	10,075	I		151	1.5	D	17	1.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,316	I		574	2.6	I	713	3.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,246	I		337	3.4	I	178	1.8
Forwarder and shipper								
association traffic	2,422	D		734	23.3	I	37	1.6
All other carloads	88,678	I		4,774	5.7	I	432	0.5
Total Cars Loaded	454,167	I		13,987	3.2	I	3,912	0.9

Corresponding week of 1987 440,180

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	17,891,662	17,097,124	I	4.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

41 weeks ended October 15	787.3	738.3	I	6.6
Week ended October 22	<u>20.0</u>	<u>19.7</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>1.7</u>

42 Weeks cumulative	807.3	758.0	I	6.5
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WASHINGTON, November 3, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 29 totaled an estimated 20.1 billion ton-miles, up 0.5 percent from the 20.0 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 827.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 29 totaled 454,287, up 0.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and virtually unchanged from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the West, but down 1.2 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of metallic ores increased by 5,062 cars (24.8 percent); nonmetallic minerals were up by 1,900 cars (21.6 percent); and chemicals and allied products were up 2,075 cars (8.0 percent). Coal was down 5,410 cars (4.1 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended October 22 totaled 118,977 trailers and/or containers, up 5.1 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 4,657,405 trailers and/or containers, up 5.7 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/29/88:

	Loadings in Week ended October 29, 1988			Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,038	D		1,755	5.7	D	1,675	5.5
Other farm products	3,410	D		597	14.9	D	758	18.2
Metallic ores	25,493	I		5,062	24.8	I	386	1.5
Coal	125,692	D		5,410	4.1	D	938	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	19,084	I		1,522	8.7	D	355	1.8
Nonmetallic minerals	10,707	I		1,900	21.6	D	365	3.3
Grain mill products	10,787	D		501	4.4	D	162	1.5
Food and kindred products	11,674	D		495	4.1	D	258	2.2
Primary forest products	9,589	D		585	5.7	D	463	4.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,951	D		850	9.7	I	580	7.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,715	D		389	3.2	I	434	3.8
Chemicals and allied products	28,141	I		2,075	8.0	D	862	3.0
Petroleum products	5,240	I		179	3.5	I	25	0.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,630	I		10	0.1	D	376	3.1
Coke	5,970	D		225	3.6	I	478	8.7
Metals and products	10,584	D		665	5.9	I	509	5.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,002	I		982	4.5	I	686	3.1
Waste and scrap materials	10,083	D		151	1.5	D	163	1.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,515	D		739	22.7	I	93	3.8
All other carloads	91,982	I		4,075	4.6	I	3,304	3.7
Total Cars Loaded	454,287	I		3,443	0.8	I	120	0.003
Corresponding week of 1987	450,844							

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks)	18,345,949	17,547,968	I 4.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

42 weeks ended October 22	807.3	758.0	I 6.5
Week ended October 29	20.1	20.0	I 0.5
43 Weeks cumulative	827.4	778.0	I 6.4